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IRA denies responsibility for hotel bombing

Fourth night of violence in Belfast

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Uster: Hell beckons told to oust

David Sharrock

1,200LB bomb which put 40 people in hospital and wrecked one of Northern hotels yesterday threatened to push the province back into full-scale paramilitary

As London and Dublin struggled to repair the politi-cal damage of the weekend's angry exchanges between John Major and the Irish prime minister. John Bruton, loyalists last night said the explosion — which devastated the Killyhevlin Hotel in Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh
— could end their ceasefire
which was called in October

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David Ervine of the Progressive Unionist Party said:
"The ceasefire is absolutely, totally and utterly in jeopar-dy. The events of this week

may be a bridge too far." His colleague Billy Hutch-inson said: "If it breaks down we will fall into a hole that deep we will never be able to get out of it again. I think that the last 25 years, with more than 3,000 people killed, it will be worse than that."

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The warning came as Londorderry and parts of Belfast S., their fourth night of Arious rioting, with police and youths exchanging hundreds of petrol bombs and plastic bullets.

The street violence was sparked by the RIC's 11-turn the Commons today, held and youths exchanging hun-dreds of petrol bombs and plastic bullets.

sparked by the RUC's U-turn | the Commons today, held last Thursday in Portadown, when 1,300 Orangemen were allowed to pass through a catholic housing estate. Nationalist church leaders and politicians called it a surren-der to mob rule and the threat

The IRA swiftly denied responsibility for yesterday's bomb — the first in the province for almost two years. Sinn Fein's president, Gerry Adams, claimed there were sinister motives behind it.



Whoever the authors of this are and whoever admits res-ponsibility for it, I remain entirely and I think justifiably suspicious of what has hap-pened at this time.

"The timing is so fortuitous for the British Government and for the Unionists," Mr Adams said during an anti-RUC rally in west Belfast. But the police remain sceptical of the IRA denial

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, said: "I don't be-lieve a word of it. It certainly was an IRA bomb. They are the people who have the capa-bilities to carry out such an attack. There is no question it was the IRA."

meetings yesterday with the RUC chief constable, Sir Hugh Annesley, and the army chief, Rupert Smith, to discuss the worsening security situation. Sir Patrick called the bombing reckless and

disgraceful.
"While it is still too early to say which organisation was turn to page 3, column 4

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The devasted Killyhevlin Hotel in Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, yesterday, wrecked by a 1,200lb bomb on Saturday night

Serbs rogues

Jonathan Freedland

HE architect of the Dayton peace accord for Bosnia, Richard Holbrooke, flies to Belgrade today to demand that Serbia's president, Slobodan Milo-sevic, finally remove from power the two main Bosnian

Serb leaders, wanted on war crimes charges. In a sign of Washington's concern over the tragile peace accord — heightened by Bosnian Muslim threats yesterday to boycott September's election if Radovan Karadzic retains power — President Clinton ordered the toughtalking former assistant sec-retary of state out of semiretirement to take on the

Mr Holbrooke has orders to demand that Mr Milosevic depose Mr Karadzic and the Bosnian Serb military leader, General Ratko Miadic, which the Serb president had prom-ised to do as part of the pact. Bosnia's Muslim-led government threatened yester-day to sit out the September of the US plan for Bosnia — if there was no action against

"I think it is beyond the dig-nity of the Bosnian people to vote in the presence of Karad-zic as leader of the major party in elections including the Serb entity," the Bosnian prime minister said.

Even if Mr Holbrooke ceeds in having the two Serb leaders stripped of power, it may not be enough. Bosnian Muslims want the two men

bunal in The Hague, where they have been indicted. Yesterday the French defence minister, Charles Millon, called for the rules of engagement of the Nato-led peacekeeping force to be al-tered to allow it to capture the two men. He said France would "use all means" to get the Security Council to agree to the change.

Gadafy scores English examinees prove a class 20, Libyans nil divided by common clangers

T LEAST 20 Libyan football fans have been shot dead in the latest mar Gadafy's unique approach to law and order, according to reports from the Libyan capital, Tripoli. The shooting apparently

started when supporters chanted slogans against the Libyan ruler after the referee, on a deciding shot, sided with a team Col Gadafy's sons in the crowd were supporting, one diplomat said.

one diplomat said.
Where Col Gadady's sons
go, armed guards always follow. Our aged by the taunts,
the guards opened fire on the returned fire. The result, said diplomats

was anything from 20 to 50 killed, and dozens wounded. The bloody events took place last Tuesday, but only emerged yesterday in news agency reports quoting unnamed diplomatic sources. The shooting was followed, said the sources, by rioting outside the Tripoli stadium,

with attacks on foreigners. Inside the ground, where 60,000 spectators had been watching a local derby beone of them stabbed the

referee. One diplomatic source suggested that most of the vic-tims were killed and wounded pressed into the exits.

There has been growing un-

rest in Libys, where the once-booming economy has been hit by United Nations sanc-tions imposed after the bombing of a Pan Am jumbo jet over Lockerbie in 1988.

The Gadafy regime, which has steadfastly refused to hand over two suspects in the

bombing, is opposed by Islamist militants whose main power base is Benghazi. Last week five people were reported killed in clashes with police in the coastal

Libyan state television and radio conceded yesterday there had been riots, and lives had been lost, but did not say Yesterday was declared a day of mourning. Television programmes were broadcast

in black and white Parties in restaurants and clabs were ordered cancelled. And it was announced that the two unfortunate football running around the Barth teams, which did nothing whatever to provoke the pupils taking entirely sepabloodletting, had been dis-banded. For the record, al papers, on different sides of

Martin Walnuright

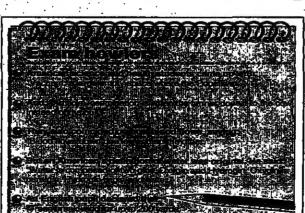
ALKING down Brit-ain's educational stan-dards is about to take a knock — with the revelation that classroom clangers are the same through-out the English-speaking

world.
The nervous GCSE exammee's belief that a vacuum is "a large empty space where the Pope lives" is shared by sixth-graders in the United States, along with the theories that magnets are "found crawl

ing over a dead cat".

The parallels in a field long believed to be a British speciality have emerged from an academic study of exam howlers in North America, English-speaking Africa and British schools. Data collected by the London-based Journal of Biological Education shows children in all three continents made the same muddles as the exam clock

ticked away. The Equator was indepen-dently described as "a lion



"blood flows down one leg | ing that although American and up the other". | has become a different Prompted, possibly, by a coyness common to biology teachers in Manchester, takes remain the same." The genius born of panic may also play a part in some of the daftest howlers, Minneapolis and Mombasa. other pupils agreed: "Artifi-

cial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull." John Barker, co-editor of the Journal of Biological Education, said yesterday that analysis of the shared mistakes provided an insight into the working of young minds. He said: "Given similar subjects, children will make the

although international parallels are not so common in this field. While more than one student de-fined germination as "the man", and others shared the belief that "mushrooms are umbrella-shaped because they grow in damp places", only a British teen-ager managed to come up with: "Trees break wind

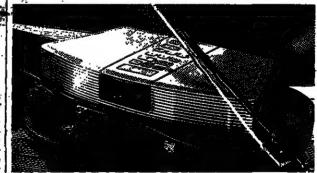
The journal acknowl edges the incompleteness of its material because exam boards tend to frown on anything which might be seen as making fun of students. A spokesman for the Associated Examining Board, one of four which set A-level papers in Brit-ain, said: "This is confiden-tial material... We den't think it is right to langh at the expense of students."
Fear of encouraging probably deliberate bungles —
like a young American's definition of water as "composed of two gins: oxygin is pure gin and hydrogin is gin and water"—also plays a part in suppressing the howlers. But many of the errors form evidence of

ngenious minds.
An African pupil, whose references to Henry VIII helping Anne Boleyn with the ironing foxed an exammer, turned out to have an arcane textbook describing how the king "pressed his suit". And an American student would have earned the appreciation of Mark Twain with "a skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of

the skeleton is something

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to hitch meat to".



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Mandela graces a homage to colonialism

Foreigners star in two main events in the republic's calendar, Bastille Day celebrations and a bicycle race which ends in the shadow of the Arc de Triomphe



Paul Webster

dela review-ing the elits of the French army on the Champs Elysées France had invited the perfect embodiment of those key republican values — liberty, equality and fraternity. The South African presi-

dent would probably be too po-life to say what he really thought as he stood to attention, smiling to himself during the annual Bastille Day pa-rade of toy soldiers that paid homage to years of colonial-ism far removed from the ideals of 1789.

But he must have shared the average outsiders' equivocal admiration for this brilliantly-staged celebration of national self-assurance on an

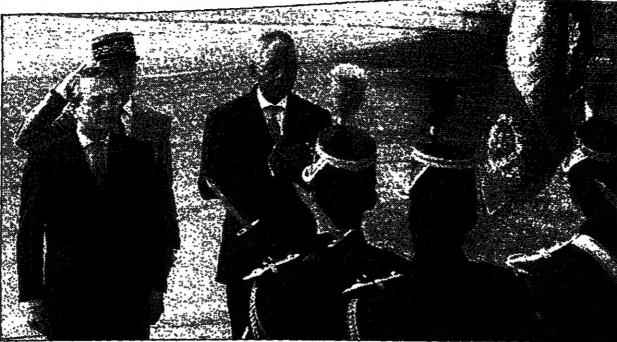
world's biggest public forum. The blue painted lines guiding the Foreign Legion and other Empire-building regiments over the cobblestones will hardly be rubbed out by today's rush hour traffic before another half million spectators will be getting ready to watch the last lap of the Tour de France cycle race under the shadow of the Arc de

Triomphe.
This year, the two biggest events in the republican calen-dar clearly have something in common. July 14 may be about pride in being French, but for-

eigners were the stars. After Mr Mandela goes home and the RAF planes that took part in yesterday's show return to their British and German bases, France's best known sporting occasion will end with a victor from Denmark, Russia or Switzerland with Frenchmen trailing a

with Frenchmen training a long way behind. Like England and its socce France has long ago had to come terms with foreigners dominating its favourite sport, but this seems to take nothing away from the univer sal self-confidence in French

Deep down, a Frenchman is convinced that all the world envies his way of life and that has contributed to the ease with which France has



All the president's men . . . Nelson Mandela inspects guard of honour after arriving at Orly airport

The Bastille Day march past is part of a process of drawing the best from history's profit and loss column, especially as it recalls more military defeats by other European

Two years ago, German

tored down the avenue for the first time since the war. Yes-terday, RAF Tornados, led by Wing Commander Graham Bowerman, thundered across Paris on their own bridgeaking mission. Even without the welcome

for old enemies, make peace.

not war, was the unbevalded theme. The Foreign Legion and Marine regiments that cut out a colonial empire by violence, wore uniforms flow ing with medals from peaceeping missions in Lebanon and Bosnia. Jacques Chirac's decision to end conscription,

pull back France's troops from Germany and disband at least 40 regiments meant that much of the military might on view was heading for the breaker's yard.

The days of the second

losses on the scale of Napoleon's flight from Russia was celebrated prematurely by the 4,000 people, mostly young provincials, invited to another ritual, the Elysée garden

party, and the open air presi-dential press conference. Under Francois Mitterrand. the president's garden used to be the venue for Le Tout Paris where personalities fought, begged and bribed for their invitations. Under the rule of Jacques Chirac, master of the handshake and backslap, it was a more proletarian bun-fight in the tradition of a mas popular fete that began on Friday night and ended in the early hours of this Monday

morning. While television cameras concentrated on the sprin-kling of innovations in the Bastille parade, including the Paris police and women am-bulance crews, much of the country was still sleeping off the effects of a night of danc-

ing, drinking and fireworks. ing, drinking and neworks.
Around midday, they were
getting ready for another session last night that included
Paris's splurge of millions of
francs on a celestial display
around the Eiffel Tower.
I spent Saturday at Marly le
Roi perversely reflecting on
Louis KYTs Bastille Day diary

entry which reads, "Rien," written after returning to his in the Marly forest on July 14

These days he would have to write "Beaucoup" as there is hardly a village among France's 36,000 communes that does not pay out a large proportion of its annual mu-nicipal budget on celebrations amounting to the most important family outing of the year and a mating ritual at which an estimated quarter of the population meets their future spouses. Not to be outdone by Paris's Europeanism, Marly invited a German band to lead its parade and played out its fireworks to the music of Bach and Handel.

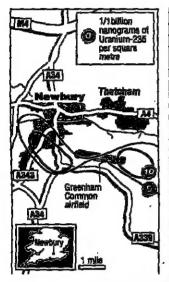
Later, in a family gathering that outdid Christmas, more men were seen dancing with their wives than in the history of Chicago, while the band played Viva Espana.

These bals populaires - 28 in Paris alone - seem to wipe out sex. class, race and age divisions in the name of republicanism, with one exception. Royalists treat July 14 as a day of mourning and I thought of a friend with an aristocratic name bewailing the fact that be was eternally excluded from mass rejoicing at the Bourbon downfall. He had been traumatised

since childhood after his noble father slapped his face for whistling La Marseillaise on Bastille Day.

Hidden Greenham Common accident fuels calls for inquiry into local leukaemia cases Old maestro keeps time

Nuclear air crash inquiry sought on the birthday beat



John **Mulli**r

the Defence Secre tary, is under pres sure to announce an investigation into a leu kaemia cluster around Green tions that a nuclear accident 38 years ago may be to blame. after 35 years, indicates that high levels of radioactivity around the then American air base in Berkshire was caused when an airborne B-47 bomber suffered engine trou-ble and jettisoned its wing-tip

CHAEL Portillo

The tanks were supposed to land in an emergency drop zone within the airfield. Instead, one fell behind a parked B-47 carrying a nuclear weapon, which was engulfed in flames, releasing uranium and plutonium dust. The report, passed to the Campaign for Nuclear Disar-

mament, was never disclosed to the Government's Committee on Medical Radiation in the Environment (Comre). It look at cancer clusters around the nearby Aldermas ton nuclear research plant. Comre concluded that there

was a "small but statistically significant" increase in cancer incidence in young children in the area, home to more than 110,000 people. But it was unable to find any link David Rendel, the Liberal-

Democrat MP for Newbury, said the conclusions might have been different had the secret report been available. He backed CND calls for a fresh government inquiry. The 1961 report, commis-

ernment, investigated concentrations of uranium 100 times higher than could be accounted for by discharges from Aldermaston, Its authors looked instead at whether a nuclear accident at Greenham, closer to the high readings, was the reason for them. There were high concentrations of uranium in an hour-glass shape, with the air

Bruce Kent, the vice-president of CND, which investigated the incident for a year. said yesterday: "It is wicked that people should have been deceived for so long." He called for the base, now an industrial

The Ministry of Defence insisted that no nuclear weapon had been involved in the accident. But people in Newbury called for the report to be



CND marchers trek to London from Aldermaston unaware of the air crash at Greenham Common two years earlier



There are very grave implications not only for public health but also for democracy. It is wicked that people should have been deceived for so long'

Bruce Kent **CND** vice-president

Yesterday Mrs Capewell

Her daughter Ann's friend,

learned of at least one new

do want are the facts, and

what the radiation levels are

Other survivors include Shane Mansford, aged seven.

who underwent two years of

chemotherapy, and Kevin

Mills, aged 23. Uranium-235, at the centre

of the scare, has a radioactive

half-life of 710 million years.

That means the area is per-

and will be in the future."

It emerged yesterday that there have been at least eight cases of leukaemia along a one-mile stretch of road clos Alice Bowrage, now aged 17, survived after four rounds of to the base in the last five years. Elizabeth Capewell, aged 49, whose daughter Ann. chemotherapy treatment. She aged 16, died three years ago. will celebrate her second year believes there may be more. in remission in September. Her father, Roderick Bow-rage, aged 49, said: "What we

Mrs Capewell said she had been puzzled about the incidence of leukaemia, which on average strikes one in 150,000 "It is important any investigation takes account of people who work but do not live here, and those who have

Mrs Capewell said: "The government knew there were high levels of radiation, and they could have done some-thing about it. They did noth-ing. That is scandalous." manently contaminated.

Researchers' best efforts fail to link cancer clusters to radiation

Chris Mihill

SUSPICION about cancer continues to haunt the public. But despite repeated studies in Britain and abroad, no link with radiation has been proved.

The most notorious and best studied case is the leukaemia cluster in young chilaround the Seliafield nuclear plant in Cumbria. No one disputes that the

cluster exists, but numerous

studies have concluded that it cannot be linked to radiation. The Government's advisory Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment published another report on the case in March this year which said discharges from the plant could not account for the cases, nor could the idea that fathers working at Sellafield had

to their children. Many researchers think clusters are due to chance, or to an unidentifed virus brought in by newcomers

been irradiated and defects

caused to their sperm passed

plants at Dounreay in Scot-land, and Hinkley Point in Somerset, as well as around the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston, Berkshire, and the neigh bouring atomic weapons fac-tory at Burghfield. However, clusters have also

been found around oil rig construction sites, at non-nuclear power plants, in new towns around London and in Scotland, and even at spots where nuclear plants were planned but never built. Even in areas with direct

exposure to radiation or radioactive materials, the link with cancer in children has proved difficult to verify. Although there has been rise in thyroid cancer in chil-dren affected by the 1986 Chernobyl explosion in the

no reported rise in leukaemia. Recently, concern about can-cer clusters has focused on the Cornish village of Camelford. hit by a water pollution disas-

ter eight years ago. Around 1,200 children year develop leukaemia in the UK. The highest number of

Review

Edward Greenfield

Ted Heath at 50

TMUST be many years since Salisbury Cathedral was quite so full — its tran-septs crammed as well as the great nave — as it was for the 80th birthday celebration of Sir Edward Heath.

This was the musical climax of Sir Edward's birthday

lucted by a man who, himself - in the words of the dean, the Very Rev Hugh Dickinson –

is now a national monument. The climax came in the final item, one of Heath's favourite works, the Bruckner Te forces used and taut in its half-

hour structure. Overwhelming sounds from the Philharmonia chorus and English Chamber Orchestra rang round the great cathe-dral, all unleashed by a mere flick of the baton from this almost motionless figure in white dinner jacket. As a conductor, Heath plainly enjoys himself, but is anything but



Ted Heath: flick of baton

demonstrative obviously having learned much more from his friend, Herbert von Karajan than from another conductor friend, Leonard

Bernstein. Not that Heath makes things easy for himself. Quite apart from the problems of conducting the Bruckner with its sequence of sudden, surprising contrasts, his choice of soloist for Chonin's Second sented problems, the unpre dictable, ever-charismatic Ivo

Pogorelich. The last time I heard Heath conduct his soloist was the great Russian cellist, Mstislav

Rostropovic, and here again he and the players were wellprepared for any emergency. What stood out above all was the exuberance of the finale, with the planist at his most incisive, buoyantly springing rhythms, clarifying detail in the echoing acoustic far more than seemed

The opening work was another of Ted Heath's favour-ites, Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, and it was refresh-ing for once to have a conductor noting the marking Allegro moderato in the scor refusing to let the music daw. dle, holding the formal struc-

Interrupting the standing ovation which greeted the octagenarian conductor at the end of the concert, came a final impromptu item conducted by the chorus-master, Peter Burian — an elaborate arrange-ment of Happy Birthday to You, so devised that we could all join in at the climax. Not that the concert was

Ted Heath's only duty of the day. At his house in the Close, in the shadow of the cathedral he entertained more than 100 guests before and after. Over the next week or so, there is a whole string of birthday cele brations still to come. Such is

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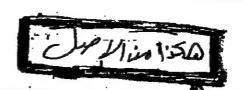
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"I now feel betrayed - betrayed by the British Government."

Cardinal Cahal Daly,

Roman Catholic



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Progressive Unionist

Advice to John Major from John Hume.

Hotel bomb galvanises peacemakers

Rusridh Njcoli

lobbing insults across the Irish sea on Friday, the British and Irish governments pulled together quickly following yesterday's blast at Enniskillen — both calling for the resumption of talks

"We've got to have the talks," said Dick Spring the Irish deputy premier. "I would be confident we can start the process during the

coming week."
The British government

RUC's decision to cave in to Orangemen in Portadown by allowing them to march through the overwhelmingly Catholic Garvaghy Road. John Bruton, the Irish pre-

mier, told the BBC on Friday that the British government had made a very serious misveyed in the very strongest. The Irish government and show some humility and acterms the feelings we have about the inconsistency of the pointed out that, in spite of secalation of violence." or m which I con- | Pro

ern Ireland Secretary, colled his remarks "offensive".

The calls for calm were not restricted to the two govern-ments. "Sinn Fein still has a peace strategy and that strat-egy is still centred around the reality of what is required peace negotiations without pre-conditions," said Sinn Fein spokesman, Martin McGuinness.

McGuinness.
On Friday the Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams, had The British government said the peace process "lies in absolute ruins". Yesterday he view that we must get back to the all-party talks as soon as we can and we intend to do arms. "There can be no pretain its arms." that on Tuesday," said the conditions," he said. "Let no one talk about democracy dichael Ancram.

The calls followed bitter exchanges on Friday over the pullet gun, SLR [self-loading rifle], or armoured car."

But following the bombing there were indications from unionists that militant loyalists would react violently. "The reality is that the loyalists will probably feel they have to rise to the occasion. I think we have the potential to go to hell and back," said David Ervine, leader of the ve Unionist Party.

spproach taken by the police the bombing, it was the standto the parades. You can't afford to have the peace process
on an a la carte basis." Sir
Patrick Mayhew, the Northhad brought the situation to the brink of doom.

Mr Spring had harsh words
for Unionist leaders: "When

you see Mr Paisley and others saying that they are winners this week that makes me very fearful because, if we're going to sort out the problem in Northern Ireland, there can be no winners and no losers." He added: "Triumphalism or achieving victory at the expense of the other community is a formula for disaster. find it extremely difficult to understand how Mr Trimble feels he has no responsibility for what happened during the past week in Northern

Ireland."
David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, accused Mr Spring of wanting confrontation. "Because Mr Spring's government was bringing intense pressure to bear on the Northern Ireland Office and the police to ban the original Drumcree march, he must take responsibility for that decision and he knew what it would have led to.".

Mo Mowlam, the shadow Northern Ireland secretary, "The Unionists should!



Suspicions fall on shadowy dissidents

Splinter group developed military expertise and the parallels between through recruiting disaffected republicans the parallels between now and then are not lost on the parallels between the parallels between now and then are not lost on the parallels between the planted in Newry and Ennishment through recruiting disaffected republicans. through recruiting disaffected republicans

David Sharrock **Ireland Correspondent**

HE Provisional IRA's denial that it was be-hind yesterday's bomb attack on the exceptionally soft target of an hotel in the mixed town of Enniskillen yesterday raised the merest glimmer of hope that North-ern Ireland may yet avoid a return to sectarian conflict.

In a single sentence dis-claimer to the Dublin newsroom of RTE, the Irish broadcasting service, a caller using "Oglaigh na hEireann: [the IRA] were not involved in the bombing of the Killyhevlin Hotel in Enniskillen." portray itself as the defender of beleaguered Catholic districts. This was the environment from which it sprang in

anybody. There was speculation yes-Hitting an hotel full of holi-daymakers and a wedding party is a trip back to the

worst excesses of the Trou-bles, with not even a grain of "legitimate target" propaganda to explain it away. The IRA does sometimes lie about its operations - most recently it denied involve-ment in the murder of Garda Gerry McCabe in Limerick for 10 days — but generally it acknowledges attacks.

If the IRA wanted to fully resume its campaign of vio-lence, it would make far more sense to exploit the rioting in

terday therefore that a repub-lican splinter group was behind yesterday's attack. The finger is being pointed at the shadowy military wing of Republican Sinn Fein (RSF), the party led by Ruairi O'Bra-daigh which left Provisional Sinn Fein in 1986.

This breakaway group was held responsible for an attempted attack on the British army base at Crossmaglen in November last year. Gardai intercepted a huge van bomb ready for detonation. Detection tives believe a former IRA Monaghan. A member of man from Londonderry RSF's executive was among helped in its construction. RSF's executive was among

adopting the name "Continuity Army Council of the IRA". It is believed to have been active in recruiting dissident

August 1994. While it is small, the group is said to have gained military expertise from disaffected Provisionals. The van bomb intercepted in Co Monaghan contained 1,300lbs of home made explo-sive and was primed and

Armagh, Fermanagh and Ty

rone since the Provisionals

called their ceasefire in

believed to have carried out "fund-raising" robberies in the Irish republic and has been actively seeking

In January the emergence of the Continuity Army Coun-cil of the IRA was confirmed by RSF which said: "Following the gerryman-dered General Army Convention of 1986 which deserted the All Ireland Republic and collaborationist 26 county state, an emergency meeting uncompromised army

"A quorum was present and Londonderry and Belfast and portray itself as the defender of beleaguered Catholic districts. This was the environment from which it sprang in those arrested.

The party's military wing Provisionals'. 1994 ceasefire, small explosive devices which National Republican Army by security sources described as ment from which it sprang in the Garda but members of the crude and of a design going preparation."

Guests tell of wedding that nearly became a wake

The last dance almost became just that, writes David Sharrock in Enniskillen

HE bride and groom were taking to the ball-room floor for the last dance when the warning call came through to the front desk at 11.40pm. Martina McManus and Thad-deas Turbett, who had ear-lier exchanged their vows. led their guests out of the Killyhevlin Hotel, still dressed in white wedding gown and tails.

Then the bomb exploded. "It was a most diabolical sound, almost like a flashing light and I just ran away," Geraldine McManus, Martina's younger sister and brides maid, said yesterday. "I must have blacked out because the next thing I remember is the hospital.
"We were enjoying a wedding and it nearly turned into a wake."

'I heard tick-tock sounds. I shouted to the others: it's a bomb'

A second call had been taken by a priest in Enniskillen, acording to local reports. Whoever made the call claimed they were from

The porter, Declan Mc-Govern, had just brought the hotel's owner, Rodney Watson, back from the town centre. They examined the four-wheel drive vehicle the bomb was in: "At first we didn't take it seriously," Mr McGovern said. "We went over to the jeep. I looked into the back and just saw places of wood, and then I went round to the other side and put my head in through the open window, when I heard tick-tock sounds. I shouted

to the others, "it's a bomb"." The doorman, Willie Stin-son, said: "We had all the guests out when somebody said there were people still inside. I went back in with a policemen and we found a woman and child. Within two minutes of getting everybody out there was a

crater 12ft across marked the spot where the grey. Isuzu Trooper had been abandoned by the bombers, primed with 1,2001b of home-made explosive. The car had been stolen 11 days earlier in Dublin, suggest-ing that whoever was behind the attack was not waiting for Orange Week to

give a pretext.
Sammy Foster, the chairman of Fermanagh district council and a leading member of the Ulster Unionist Party, heard the explosion from his home, three-quar-ters of a mile away. He and his family were also caught up in the Enniskillen Remembrance Sunday mas-

parade through the nationalist village of Rosslea, in Co Fermanagh recently.

"It's sickening to think what could have happened. In 1987 a bomb murdered 11 good people, and so many were maimed and still are suffering," he said. A man aged in his 20s, and his wife and two young daughters, came out of morning mass at St Michael's. "I don't think it

There's no point asking why Enniskillen. Why anywhere?

was quite unexpected in the atmosphere of last week," he said. In the hotel car park, a

Most people will be sad-dened by it, especially here in Enniskillen, which is very mixed and both sides get on very well together.
There's no point asking
why Enniskillen. Why
anywhere?"
Since 1967, the town has

undergone a startling transformation. The main street pedestrianised, the buildings cleaned, new shops and restaurants opened and the overbearing security restrictions lifted. But nothing has been done to replace the building de-molished by one of North-ern Ireland's worst bombs.

"After the events of last Remembrance Sinday mas-sacre nine years age.

"It was a sound like a door slamming shut," said Mr Foster, who nearly failed to regain the chair-manship after taking part in a controversial Orange

Blast pushes loyalists back on the road to war

continued from page i responsible the indications are that preparations for the attack began some time ago.
Violence and disorde will continue to be met with the utmost resolution. The overriding importance of the political talks process is re-emphasised by these events." Sir Hugh praised loyalists for their "commendable" restraint in maintaining their ceasefire and acknowledged that they had been pushed right to the edge on a number of occasions. "I do hope they will keep their ceasefire. The consequences of not doing so would be to return us all to the hell from whence we

With Dublin pressing for an Anglo-Irish summit there were signs last night that the bombing has, if anything concentrated both governments' minds and reinforced the need for rapprochement. Dick Spring, the Irish for eign minister, and Michael Ancram, the Northern Ire-land minister, called for a new sense of reconciliation But Downing Street said yes terday that Mr Major we "incandescent with anger over Mr Bruton's criticisms of the way the Portadown march was handled.

Mr Bruton said the bomb and rioting in other parts of Northern Ireland were "wrong from every point of view, moral and political". The SDLP leader, John Hume, urged the British and

irish governments to "con-centrate their minds" on getting all parties to come together and "getting it through to those Orangemen on Drumcree hills that no-body ... is interested in vic--- because victories don't solve our problems".





The core of the matter may be ball-tampering — picking the seam and gouging the ball for a swing bowler to gain advantage — but this case promises much more than testimony on such arcane aerodynamic mysteries covered by Law 42 of cricket. Frank Keating on the Imran-Botham libel battle

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Poll hope for Harman as **Lestor quits**

Lichael White

E veteran leftwing MP Joan Lestor is expected to announce today that she will not shadow cabinet elections.

Meanwhile, other senior Labour MPs were carrying out last minute mandeuvres to secure their future in the last such poll before the gan-

eral election.

Although Miss Lestor's decision is wholly unrelated to politics, it is likely to increase the survival chances of the party's embattled shadow health secretary, Harriet

There are six women in the 19-strong team at present. But Ms Harman, Clare Short. Ms Harman, Glare Short, Majorie Mowlam, Margaret Beckett and Ann Taylor face a renewed challenge from Ann Clwyd, who yesterday declared her determination to the sealing of the charman sealing despite pressure. run again — despite pressure from the leadership on run-ners-up to stand down and support the status quo so

Ms Lestor's statement today is expected to explain that she is standing down on doctor's advice from her exhausting post as spokeswoman on overseas develop-ment. She feels that it needs a younger colleague to give it the attention it deserves.

A former party chairwoman, she has told close allies in her Eccles constitu-



Joan Lestor: leaving shadow

ency, as well as Tony Blair, of her intention to end her 30-year frontbench career.

MPs this weekend were scrutinising the timetable proposed by Parliamentary Labour Party officers. When it is rubber-stamped on Wednesday, nominations can be lodged and voting will take

place one week later.

There is speculation that
Labour MPs inforiated by Ms
Harman's decision to send
her son to a selective grammar school could oust her mar school could oust her from the shadow cabinet, although many of her col-leagues, privately and pub-licly, rallied to her support yesterday.

yesterday.
Party sources dismissed as
"utter fabrication" a Sunday "utter fabrication" a Sunday newspaper report suggesting that Ms Harman is to send her nine-year-old daughter to the exclusive Greycoats School in Tory-controlled Westminster. "This sounds like dirty tricks to me." said one source.

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The shadow home secre tary, Jack Straw, brushed aside suggestions that he might have trouble retaining his position. She said on a problem to the said on the sa nis position. See Said of BBC1's Breakfast With Frost. "I am looking forward to being re-elected. These stories appear every year. They are the normal flutter of pre-election speculation."

Asked if he would urge colleagues to vote for Ms Har-man, he said: "That's a mat-ter for them, but I have always voted myself for Harriet — I think she's very effective as a shadow health secretary — and I shall be doing so again."

Another report suggested that the shadow foreign secre-tary, Robin Cook, faces demotion to a minor spending de-partment in Mr Blair's first cabinet. This was "malicious invention" said Blair aides.

Yesterday health spokes-man Henry McLeish con-firmed that he and two other prominent frontbenchers and fellow Scots — will not be standing in the shadow cabi-net poll. He, Brian Wilson who runs Labour's "rebuttals unit" — and City spokesman Alastair Darling were all un-

Successful last year.
Others such as foreign affairs spokesmen Tony Lloyd and Derek Fatchett are also

Labour plans 'hit squad' to root out tax avoidance

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

ABOUR has drawn up plans to create a "tax avoidance" hit squad to target big companies which avoid billions in tax every year via legal loopholes.

The team of up to 25 highlypaid civil servants would be a dedicated unit within the Treasury, and a Labour ad-ministration would hope to recruit many of them from accountancy firms where they work against, rather than for, the Government.

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, pointed out yesterday that in the 1994/95 tax year, there were more than 3,000 under-declarations of VAT totalling 23.8 billion. "Ordinary people have to pay VAT, so why should big com-

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Inland Revenue is cut the number of staff employed to

In a separate cracknown on housing benefit fraud, Chris Smith, shadow social security secretary, will today publish findings showing that the Government's plans to introduce compulsory competitive tendering into local authority housing benefit fraud investigation will increase fraud. But Labour's "elder states

woman" and former minister Baroness Castle will tomor-row launch a fresh backlash on new Labour with the pub-lication of a pamphlet strongly critical of the party's pensions policy — drawn up

by Mr Smith.

The pamphlet, We Can Afford The Welfare State?, has the tacit support of unions and will be distributed to all constituence. Labour parties panies be allowed to get away with not paying it?" he said.

He pointed out that as noncompliance has soared, the

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"deter and tackle non-compli-ance" from 7,850 budgeted in 1995/96, to 7,300 in 97/98. In a separate crackdown on

disregard for decent stan-

to increase ratings, writes Stuart Millar. Sir Patrick Cormack, MP for Staffordshire South, singled out the hit BBC comedy Men Behaving Badly.
"Almost every week I get repeated complaints about the programme which holds." up loutish behaviour almost as something to be merited."

The attack came as Sir Pat-



ment. The princess, visiting her close friend Lucia Flecha de Lima in ber London hotel suite, "could be heard clearly weeping out loud", the News of the World

By Saturday morning. members of the public witnessed her distress for themselves as the princess sobbed while running in Kensington Gardens. The News of the World even had

Ratings war 'mars TV quality'

dards by their constant battle

A SENIOR Tory MP yester rick and other backbench MPs launched a crusade to broadcasters of encouraging a broadcasters of encouraging a broadcasters of encouraging a broadcasters. behaviour on television. They have tabled a Commons motion calling on BBC gover-nors, the Independent Television Commission. the Broadcasting Standards Council and programme pro-

ducers to take urgent steps to cut down on screen violence. Sir Patrick said: "The decline in standards and respect for others' well-being has been to a large degree created by the irresponsible search for viewing figures."

RICHARD Webster FREUD WRONG SCIENCE AND PSYCHOANALYSIS

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Martin Baker, a friend of Megan and Josephine Russell, attends the service with his mother Liz and the Rev Pat Goodsell

Village grieves over killings

News in brief

Helen Nowicka

brought together in grief yesterday as prayers were offered for Lin and Megan Russell at their church. Members of the congregation placed flowers on the altar at Holy Cross church, Goodnestone, Kent, during the service in which the Reverend Pat Goodsell de the Reverend Pat Goodse!! de-scribed the murder of the mother and daughter as evil. Mrs Russell, aged 45, and Megan, six, were bludgeoned to death on Tuesday after-noon in woods near their home at Nonington near Can. home at Nonington, near Canterbury. Mrs Russell's elder daughter, Josephine, nine, suffered head injuries and was left for dead. Doctors say she will be brain-damaged. In his sermon, Mr Goodsell spoke of the disbelief that spoke of the such a crime had taken place in the area. There is anger, there is sadness; there is hurt and pain. There is sheer in-comprehension that anyone could be so cruel, so evil, as to

do such a thing.

Jo Passmore, chairwoman
of the parish council, said:

There is an awful feeling in
There is an awful feeling in the village. We are a close community who stand in the middle of the road and talk to

broke down in tears.

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The incident prompted her office to issue a statement yesterday, calling for understanding for her and her sons. It said: "The fact that the Princess of Wales was persistently followed by seven press metarbiles."

was persistently followed by seven press motorbikes and two press motor cars this morning is the reason for the distressing photo-graphs which are now being published." But the princess appears

Princess cries in dark as menacing paparazzi close in Richmond, the make-up slipped once again. Harassed by two photogra-phers on motorbikes, she

Tracks of her

Hounded by tabloid press, Diana pleads for understanding, Stuart Millar reports

T WAS a bumper week-end for the Princess of Wales's mascara suppliers. Pursued by menacing ers. Pursued by menacing packs of paparazzi, a distressed Diana yesterday appealed for understanding from the media after sobbing, weeping and crying her way around London.

Friends of the princess, whose divorce from Prince

whose divorce from Prince Charles could be finalised within six weeks, insist she is merely relieved that this stage of her life is over. Rut accordu reports, the princess was reduced to tears on several ecasions this weekend as she struggled to come to terms with the prospect of surviving on her £15 mil-

lion divorce settlement. The "sobathon" began on Friday afternoon, just after Buckingham Palace an nounced terms of the settle'The fact that the **Princess of Wales** was persistently followed by seven press motorbikes and two press motor cars this morning is the reason for the distressing photographs which are now being published¹

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to be no stranger to eccentric behaviour. According to the News of the World, she can be found in Hyde Park every night, weeping into her mobile phone.

as Diana drove to her friend Jemima Khan in Guardian, G2 page 8

Many workers feel trapped and frustrated because they are stuck in a vicious circle. They can't get a top job unless they have the best qualifications. They want to improve their job prospects but can't afford to - it's money not motivation that bars the way. What is more employers want qualified Career Development Loans (Career Development

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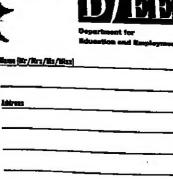
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Studies disagree on carers' sacrifices

TWO surveys of the sacrifice of carers show glaring disparities, days after Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, warned that family, friends and volunteers would have to bear much of the burden of looking after the growing numbers of elderly people. One survey, published today, suggests two in three carers spend more than 100 hours a week looking after a relative or friend, and that those in work lose an average £5,625 a year in earnings because of their caring commitments. But a government study says eight in 10 carers spend less than 35 hours a

week looking after an elderly, sick or disabled adult or child Today's survey is by Caring Costs, a consortium of 41 voluntary groups, and is based on a sample of 1,042 carers who completed a questionnaire distributed by the groups. Caring Costs says more carers will fall into poverty in later life, as people are expected to rely increasingly on pensions available only to those in paid work.——David Brindle

Blow to evidence immunity

THE Court of Appeal has dealt a blow to the right of police and prosecution to invoke public interest immunity to conceal key evidence from defence lawyers.

Lord Justice Leggatt, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice Hooper ruled that a judge in a drugs trial should have ordered two men, said by the defendant to be an undercover officer and an informer, to be called as prosecution witnesses. The ruling. described by criminal lawyers as "a major decision", was deliv-

ered last Friday, but received no publicity.

The defendant, Kudret Yirtici, was convicted at Snaresbrook crown court a year ago of possessing heroin with intent to supply and jailed for 14 years. His defence was that he thought he was helping the South East Regional Crime Squad to catch drug dealers when he handed over three grams of heroin to police posing as dealers. He claimed the two men — a police officer and an informer — were present and could back up his story.

The Appeal Court judges ordered a retrial. — Clare Dyer

Appeal over Jade killing

A MOBILE police station was set up yesterday close to the A MOBILE police station was set up yesterday close to the railway line where Jade Maithews, aged nine, was found battered to death eight days ago. Detectives were hoping to jog the memory of anyone who was in that area of Bootle, Merseyside, at the time. Jade, of Bootle, was killed after disappearing from outside her home while she was playing with friends at tea-time last Sunday. Police have three sightings of her making her way just over a mile to the murder scene with a boy aged about 13 on a mountain bike.

Call for swift action

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CONSERVATIONISTS have launched a campaign to save swifts, the insect-eating birds which visit Europe in summer, which they fear are endangered by modern building methods.

Modern architecture makes it harder for swifts to enter the roof space of buildings to nest. The campaign, backed by the British Trust for Ornithology and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, is focused on making buildings "swift-friendly".

Aids fear after syringe attack

POLICE in Edinburgh are hunting a man who stabbed a teenage in the face with a blood-filled syringe after telling her he suffered

The attack took place after an argument broke out between the 15-year-old girl, who was with a friend, and the man in Hunter Square, off the Royal Mile, on Friday. Police are looking for a well-built man aged 25 to 30, with a Mohican haircut — Stuart Millar

Twelve share £21.9m jackpot

TWELVE winners shared Sabirday's E21.9 million National Lo tery rollover jackpot. Each receives £1.8 million while 41 others,: who matched five numbers plus the bonus ball, won £80,000. Winning numbers were 11, 5, 42, 41, 10 and 12; the bonus 2.

Priest defiant over sign of offence

Madeleine Bunting on priestess row

considering taking legal action against a recalci-trant opponent of women priests in Hull who refuses to take down a church sign which says:"This Anglican parish has no part in the apostasy of priestesses."

Two Hull councillors have called on the Archbishop of York to intervene, saying that residents have complained that the notice is offensive to women. The sign, which over-looks a busy junction in the centre of the town, has been repeatedly vandalised since it was erected three years ago. Francis Bown, 48, priest for St Stephen's congregation of a dozen, is adamant the sign will remain."We're up against women priest sup-porters, militant feminists and politically correct councillors," he said.

The fracas comes as the General Synod gathered in York for its blannual meet-ing. A private member's motion calling for women bish-ops narrowly missed being tabled at synod.

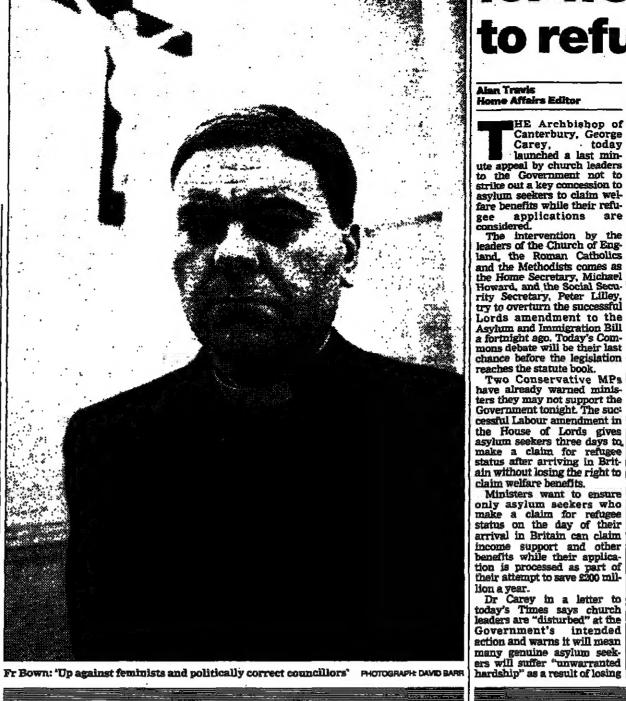
"The board has caused a great deal of offence to women priests. Jibes about priestesses are more than they can take," said the Arch-deacon of East Riding the Venerable Hugh Bucking-

But the Archdeacon's requests to Fr Bown to take the sign down have met with no success. The next stage will be to take the matter to the diocesan chancellor who handles such matters of eccleslastical law.

• A top adviser of the Arch-

bishop of Canterbury has de-scribed the royal divorce and the Prince of Wales's infidelity as an embarrassment to the Church of England.

Elaine Storkey, theological adviser to George Carey and a member of the General Synod, said on GMTV's Sunday programme that there would be "clearly something of a leading training instituneed of the Church a divorced



Carey's plea for welfare to refugees

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, today launched a last minute appeal by church leaders to the Government not to strike out a key concession to asylum seekers to claim welgee applications are considered. fare benefits while their refu-

The intervention by the leaders of the Church of England, the Roman Catholics and the Methodists comes as the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, and the Social Secu-rity Secretary, Peter Lilley, try to overturn the successful Asylum and Immigration Bill a fortnight ago. Today's Com-mons debate will be their last chance before the legislation reaches the statute book.

Two Conservative MPs have already warned minis-ters they may not support the Government tonight. The successful Labour amendment in the House of Lords gives asylum seekers three days to make a claim for refusee status after arriving in Britain without losing the right to claim welfare benefits.

Ministers want to ensure only asylum seekers who make a claim for refugee status on the day of their arrival in Britain can claim income support and other benefits while their application is processed as part of their attempt to save £200 million a vear.

Dr Carey in a letter to today's Times says church leaders are "disturbed" at the Government's intended many genuine asylum seekers will suffer "unwarranted A final brick in the wall, page

A final brick in the wall, page action and warns it will mean

benefits. The churches first privately warned Mr Lilley. of their concerns in February when the withdrawal of bene-fits came into effect. Up to 13,000 have been affected so far. He was forced to introduce emergency legislation after the High Court ruled his action illegal.

Dr Carey, backed by the Roman Catholic prelate, Carallel Part Human and the

dinal Basil Hume, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, Kathleen Richardson, says people fleeing persecution cannot get a visa before they leave stating they are refugees and so have to make up a story. It may well take several days before they overcome their trauma and feel safe enough to iden-Lords amendment to the tify themselves as asylum

> Peter Bottomley, the Tory MP for Eltham and Sir Patrick Cormack, the Conservative MP for Staffordshire South, have both warned the Government they would be "deeply, deeply disturbed" if the Lords' concession is not kept intact. Labour's social security spokesman, Chris Smith, said the opposition would be strongly defending his party's amendment. The appeal from church leaders, coinciding with a letter to MPs from former Beirut hos-tage John McCarthy, will be backed today by a lobby of Parliament supported by the trades unionists and rafugee

welfare groups.

Mr Lilley has argued the
Lords amendment must go because the cost in extra income support, housing benefit and other welfare payments could rise to more than £80 million a year if large numbers of economic migrants exploit the three-day rule.

Teacher colleges 'facing witch-hunt'

Donald MacLeod

■NSPECTION of teacher

very wrong in having as tion said yesterday. Peter Mortimore, he monarch who had been hav-ing a relationship outside of Education, said it had been his marriage for some years. London university's Institute The Office for Standards in Education, which has just said he would take legal ad-working with the Govern- completed a £1 million pro- vice about refusing to co-oper- education, the Secondary

ment to achieve high stan-dards, "but there is a danger of focusing always on negatives and not on positives.
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good result for the institute,

along with a number of other teacher-training institutions, is a cause for celebration, not

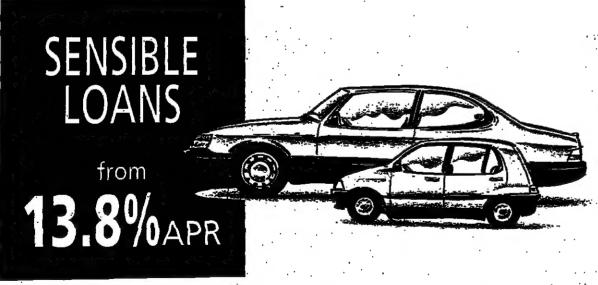
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John Sutton, the association's general secretary, said long-term success for our edu-● In evidence to the Com-mons select committee on proper place in public



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Massacre revives anti-gun group

Dunblane gave new impetus to a failed crusade, writes **Duncan Campbell**

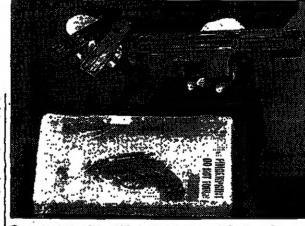
WO-and-a-half years ago Gill Marshall-An-drews, increasingly be a growing gun culture in Britain, started to do some research on firearms.

She felt there was no

organisation campaigning against guns in this country, and perhaps the only way to fill the gap was to start one herself. What she discovered from Home Office statistics

and ber conversations with senior police officers was that there was indeed a growing problem; that guns were being used more in crimes and that, despite restrictions on their ownerrestrictions on their owner-ship, many highly unsuit-able people were still able to acquire them. Mrs Marshall-Andrews

decided to start a group, Open Arms, which would provide information and research and act as a resource centre for people seeking to tighten the gun laws. But she could not



Guns recovered in raids in the South-east last week

recruit enough people and | aimed to ensure that people the planned launch never happened.
Then came Dunblane.
Suddenly there was a new

urgency to the campaign. People she had contacted before got back in touch, anxious to help.

"There was no organisation involved after Hungerford, and as a result the

says. "People forgot."
Tomorrow's launch of the

do not forget again. The other members of the group bring their individual expe-riences, through which they hope to convince public and politicians that action has to be taken. Among the members are Tony and Judith Hill.

Hill; Mick North, whose daughter. Sophie, was killed at Dunblane; and Ian Tay, professor of Sociology at Salford university. The various changes proposed got watered down," she Gun Control Network at the House of Commons is group's greatest achieve-

ment, Mrs Marshall-Andrews says, would be to wind itself up after accomplishing its aims.

The first aim, now shared

with the Police Federation and a growing number of politicians, is the banning of handguns. "We would also like to

ban the sale of guns by mail order," she says. "At the moment, you can order them from a gun magazine and they arrive by Data-post." The group would ex-tend certification from shotgons to airguns, and would ban the sale of replica and de-activated guns. The mood for char

very strong, she believes, with 750,000 signing the Snowdrop Petition after Dunblane calling for a handgun ban. Mrs Marshall-Andrews, a

former probation officer and teacher, said: "We are not seeking a total ban. We believe what we are seek-ing is reasonable and achievable."

parents of one of the Hun-gerford victims; Sandra has reaffirmed his party's plans to step up controls on firearms, but has said be does not want to put a fig-ure on the number of guns

Not: even Keanu Reeves's best friends think his rock group. Dogstar, is much good, but that hasn't hindered it. Adam Sweeting.

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pressure on Israel's coalition

Right wing puts pressure on Dole fights above his weight

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

HE Israeli prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu returned home last night from a United States tour to face new challenges from his own right wing.

In Jerusalem, ultra-orthodox Jews are threatening to withdraw aupport from his government unless they get their way on sabbath

observance.
Other rightwingers are calling for an expansion of Jew-ish settlements in the occu-pied West Bank and in the pled West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. For Mr Netanyahu, who

has declined to pin himself down on policies since he took office last month, both ssues are potentially explosive. His coalition is heavily dependent on ultra-Orthodox factions, and several of his ministers believe in settlement expansion as a means of maintaining Israel's grip on the occupied territories.

But support for either cause will exacerbate rifts in Israeli society. Many secular Israelis bitterly resent the rising inof the religious minority, while liberals are aghast at the notion of further colonisation of the occupied

Mr Netanyahu's homecom ing is a return to harsh reality for a prime minister with a slender majority and a host of pressing decisions to make. of pressing decisions to make. His policies could be badly diverted by the latest eruption of religious-secular rivalry in Jerusalem, where the rapidly growing ultra-Orthodox minority — now almost a quarter of the population — has tried to close a main road during the Jewish subhath.

districts where the ultra-Orthodox are now in a majority. and has been the frequent setting for confrontations between secular drivers and stone-throwing locals.

While the prime minister was in the US, the transport minister, Yitzhak Levy — an Orthodox Jew — ordered the closure of both roads during

sabbath worship. On Friday, the High Court overturned the order and said the government should show within 15 days why the roads should not remain open.

But on Saturday night ugly
clashes broke out when haredi Jews (the black-garbed ultra-Orthodox) turned out in

their thousands to try to block the road. There was a confrontation with leftwing iemonstrators and police. The violence continued until after midnight, as police battled hordes of religious fundamentalists with watercannon and batons. Two

police disguised as haredim were recognised and beaten were recognised and beaten
up by the mob.
Yesterday a Knesset member, Avraham Ravitz, said
that his party, United Torah
Judaism, would vote against
the government unless the Jerusalem police chief and
other senior officers were
dismissed.

"They conducted a pogrom against Jews." he said. "They beat women, they beat children, they went into houses."
Haredi activists warned that next Saturday tens of

thousands of religious pro-testers would converge on the disputed road. Meanwhile leaders of the Jewish settlers are calling for new colonies and the rapid expansion of the 140 or more existing ones. Up to 140,000 Jews live among the two million or so Palestinians of the

Bar-Ilan Road and its extension, Yirmehayu, cut through

F THIS were a boxing match, the referee would have stopped it by now. According to the latest opinion polls, Bill Clin-

ton, winning everything but the prairie states and Alaska, will sweep back to the White House for a second term this November while the Democrats recapture the House and Senate.

The polls rounded off Bob Dole's week from hell, but with less than a month to go before the Republican Party's presidential nominating convention in San Diego, most of it was the challenger's own fault. Mr Dole offended his friends and insulted his allies, as if he had votes to spare. He dug his hole deeper on

each television apearance: a stubborn and grumpy old man whose wife plucked man whose wife plucked gently at his sleeve and tried to change the subject.

He told the anti-abortionist wing of his party that he would pick a pro-abortion

vice-president if he wanted to. So there. Then he sturned the so there. Then he summed his gun lobby by dropping his promise to overturn the Clinton ban on assault rifles. So much for his friends. Then he told the National

Then ne told the Rational Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, the grand and respectable old vehicle of the civil rights movement, that he would not come to their annual conference because they were all liberals who were trying "to set me up". So much for his enemies. But the NAACP has friends of its own, such as the retired Mr Dole still hopes will

answer the party's call and run as his vice-president. Gen Powell was infuriated by Mr Dole's rejection of the NAACP. He declared last week that he would not join Mr Dole's ticket. He would

not give a keynote speech at the Republican Party convention. And he would not ever promise to campaign for Mr. Dole in the autumn.

Dole in the autumn.

Along the way, Mr Dole offended the overwhelming majority of Americans who do not smoke by saying he was not sure that cigarettes were addictive and that if tobacco was not sood for children was not good for children, neither was too much milk. Just to cap the week, the vice-chairman of Mr Dole's fund-raising team reached a plea bargain with Boston prosecutors to pay a total of \$6 million (£4 million) in fines

for outrageous breaches of the campaign finance rules. "I think I'll take the rest of this summer off," quipped George Stephanopulos at the White House campaign staff meeting as Mr Dole kept the focus unerringly on his weak-est issues — abortion, gun

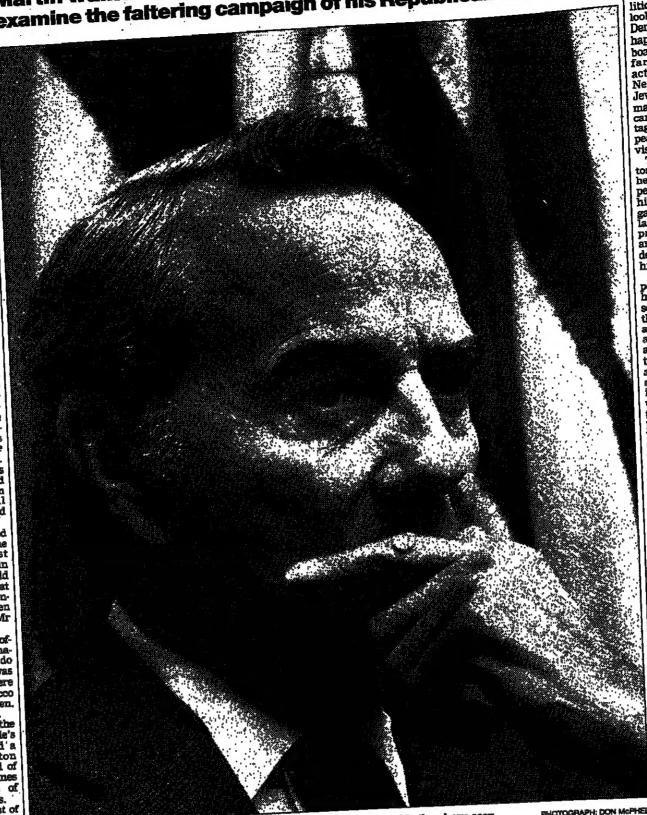
control and tobacco. For the moment, Mr Clinton barely has to campaign as the late-night television comics keep up the cruel jokes about Mr Dole being so old his social

security number is 2.

It will get worse for Mr

Dole, and his staff wince as they think about the caring way the White House will celebrate his 73rd birthday next week by reminding voters just how old he is.

As Bill Clinton prepares to bask in reflected Olympic glory, Martin Walker and Jonathan Freedland in Washington examine the faltering campaign of his Republican challenger



Even loyal Republicans are saying Bob Dole's campaign is the most feeble they have seen

Even the most loyal of Republicans, and members of Mr Dole's own policy advisory board, are saying this is the most feeble presidential camputer they have seen Worse paign they have seen. Worse than George McGovern's defeat by Richard Nixon in 1972. worse even than the Lyndon Johnson landslide win in 1964

over Barry Goldwater.
William Buckley, the intel-lectual godfather of modern American conservatism, noted that Goldwater's sacri-

by contrast, "threatens to leave no trace whatsoever". The battling wings of the Republican Party are almost ignoring their titular champion as the civil war over abortion rages on. Even if Mr Dole can cobble together a truce, the underlying wars with the Christian fundamen-

But Mr Dole's biggest problem may be not his own weakness so much as his oppo-

nent's strength. Bill Clinton has so dramatically turned around his fortunes since the nadir of No-vember 1994, when the Democrats were drummed out of the House and Senate in the mid-term elections, that he is now the strongest incumbent since Ronald Reagan beat Walter Mondale in 1984.

He can boast an economic ster and a Likudnik in Jeru-fistfuls of gold medals.

record that puts Europe and salem alarm the foreign pol-And Mr Dole will be 73.

Japan to shame. In 1992 he promised to create 8 million jobs: this week's total was 10 million and rising. Inflation is under control, and the economy is predicted to keep growing, at least until

With prosperity comes peace — at least for Americans. There are no American dead in Haiti and Bosnia to haunt the country's television screens, and while riots in Ul-

icy crowd they are not the stuff of election campaigns.
Only a communist victory in Moscow might have become that, allowing Bob Mr Dole to ask "Who lost Russia?".

The president surveys a political landscape that has not looked so favourable for a Democrat since 1976, or perhaps 1964. Blacks are on board, galvanised by the welfare-cutting. affirmative action-bashing warriors of Newt Gingrich's Congress. Jews are solid, and so are many of the 44 million Amerimany of the 44 million Americans who claim an Irish heritage — impressed by the peace effort and last year's visit to Dublin and Belfast. elderly like Mr Clin-

health insurance system for pensioners. Women so favour him that the so-called gender gap has become a chasm the last Harris poll found the last Harris poll found the president 31 points ahead among women, who like his defence of abortion rights and his emphasis on children. Blue-collar white men, es-

pecially in the South, remain hostile to Mr Clinton, homosexuals are disenchanted by the way he changed his mind about gays in the military. and Roman Catholics are angry about his vetoing a bill to ban a particularly unpleasant form of late-term abortion. But, with the back-ing of organised labour and with liberals and leftwingers terrified by the prospect of a Dole-Gingrich partnership on Pennsylvania Avenue, Mr Clinton has reassembled key parts of the old Democratic coalition bust apart by Ron-

The evidence is in the ma-chine-like discipline of today's Democrats. Since its 1994 drubbing, the party has not engaged in the frairicide of most oppositions; rather it has united to fight the Republican enemy. The absence of healthman mealthman in Combackbench rebellions in Congress — and the lack of a pri-mary challenger to Mr Clin-ton — are the proof.

Mr Dole, the uncharismatic leader of a bitterly-divided party, faces the best cam-paigner in United States politics, uniquely able to boast youth and experience.

So Mr Dole needs a miracle. He did not get one in Moscow. He can no longer count on Gen Powell for a charisma transplant. A Bosnian blood-bath or a Wall Street crash might do the trick, but Mr Dole cannot be seen cam-

paigning for either. The lo prise of His 'n' Hers criminal indictments from the Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr has deflated since Mr Starr told the New Yorker he would exercise judicial "restraint", at least until after the election. And Mr Dole is running out of time. There are just five days left before the Olympic Games freezes that awesome Clinton lead into place as Americans switch off politics and look to Atlanta, where Mr Clinton will bestow presidential backslaps on glowing young US athletes bearings fistfuls of gold medals.

Former envoy says Britain made 'fatal error' on Europe

Jonathan Freedland in Wachington

Bat the heart of Europe is sin, the first Western I "a far more fatal error than to do so since the Kremlin Suez", according to Sir chief was re-elected for a second four-year term on July recently retired British ambassador to Washington, whose new memoir is likely to be seized on as an implicit attack on the Europe policies of John Major and Margaret Thatcher.

In Fighting Among Allies - America and England at Peace and War, Sir Robin argues that Britain needs to have a more modest view of the so-called special relationship with the United States, which he de-scribes as "an especially close relationship" that is not unique. He targets those Euroscep

tic Thatcherites who suggest Britain can side with Washington instead of Brussels, claiming that Britain will not enjoy its privileged position with the US if it remains on the margins of Europe. His statement confirms the suspicion that Bonn has become more important to the US administration than London.

Sir Robin complains that France and Germany make all the key decisions about Europe, Spain and Italy exercise a moderating role, and Britain is on the sidelines, jeering at the action.

The former envoy — who also served in South Africa and was said to be a favour-ite of Baroness Thatcher argues that Britain has to ditch its divide-and-rule approach to Europe, playing France and Germany off

each other.
"The Franco-German relationship will continue to be more important to both countries than the relationship with Britain is to either of them," he writes.

The memoir traces the root of the problem to Britain's failure to sign the Treaty of Rome in 1957. citing it as a strategic disaster greater than the ill-fated Suez invasion a year earlier. But it is clear that Sir Robin is equally unimpressed with the current government's handling of Europe, which has allowed the EU to develop as a "continental system".

News in brief

Moscow alert for Gore visit

Russian security forces were on high alert yesterday after last week's bombings as US Vice-President Al Gore began an official visit. Today Mr Gore is due

to meet President Boris Yelt-Pass notes, G2 page 3

Tamil killings Tamil Tiger rebels hit a security forces' bunker in the Jaffna peninsula, northern Sri Lanka, yesterday, killing 13 soldiers and losing many of their own, the defence minis-

try said. — Reuter. Charles in Brunei Michael Jackson and Prince Charles are in Brunei for the birthday celebrations of Sul-tan Hassanal Bolkiah today. officials said. - Reuter.

Mugabe to wed President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe plans a church

wedding next month to his former secretary Grace Marufu, the state-controlled Sunday Mail reported. They are already married under African traditional law.—AP.

Peck 'stable'

The film star Gregory Peck, aged 80, was in a stable condition yesterday after emer gency surgery in Karlovy Vary for a suspected intestinal ailment, shortly after receiving a Czech movie award, the Czech news agency CTK reported. — Reuter.

£1.5m gems theft Two suitcases filled with 3 million marks (£1.5 million) worth of jewels were stolen from the back seat of a car in Frankfurt while their owner was changing a tyre. — AP.

Corsica pledge President Jacques Chirac,

promising to eradicate what he called Mafia style gangs in Corsica, said yesterday that the government would disarm gunmen defying the law on the island.—Reuter.

Cinemas shut The Afghanistan interim cab-

inet of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar closed cinemas and banned music on state television and radio yesterday, but the action was criticised by the government's top military commander, Ahmad Shah Masood - Reuter..

fice at least paved the way for talists will continue. Desperately seeking a second string

That explains why Mr Dole is still agonising over his choice of running mate, a decision be admits will be the most important of his presidential campaign.

The pressure on him is interest because he must

tense, because he must choose a partner who not only does no harm — the usual rule in selecting a vice-presidential candidate — but can also compensate for some of the candidate's own serious deficiencies. First, Mr Dole badly needs to infuse some excitement into his campaign. That requires a running

is a plausible number one. No one says it that bluntly but, when the candidate is so old, the succession

matters.
The one man who passes both tests is Colin Powell the retired general who would deliver a sizeable chunk of America's black votes too. But Gen Powell has repeatedly said he does not want the job.

Another leading candidate is New Jersey's gover-nor, Christine Todd Whitman. Nominating the bright, attractive Ms Whitman would lift Mr Dole's

B OB DOLE understands his central problem: if himself lacks.

Second, at the age of 73—
Second, at the age of 73—
a star is not able to perform, the show needs a crowd-pulling understudy.

That explains why Mr

Mr Dole. Ms Whitman's drawbacks are her support for abortion rights and her relative inexperience. The lat-ter caveat applies to the two other women being considered: the Texan senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, and the former labour sec-

retary Lynn Martin. So a shortlist of "greyhairs" has emerged, consisting of veteran politicians who would not undermine Mr Dole's

credibility.
Mr Dole's favourite is said to be Richard Cheney.

fail the charisma test.

More lively are Pennsylvania's governor. Tom Ridge, and the former South Carolina governor Carroll Campbell. Mr Ridge would deliver a

key state but his pro-abortion rights views make him a risk. Mr Campbell, though energetic, is tarred by his current lobbying job for the insurance industry. So Mr Dole must keep on searching, aware that his biggest problem is not the name at the bottom of the ticket but the one at the top.

Difficult times ahead for right's standard-bearer

of phase one of the 1996 presidential campaign. If Bob Dole cannot close the gap on Bill Clinton by Friday, he faces two weeks of media neelect as the country tunes to the Olympics. By the end of the games, he will have just three months to turn things around - a feat no challenger has managed when an incum-

August 11: Mr Dole will be forced to share the spotlight on the eve of the Republican Convention in San Diego. Ross Perot's Reform Party gathers 100 miles away in Long Beach, California - precisely the spoiler event the Dallas billionaire boxed for. tion is meant to be a flag-waving, balloon-dropping corona-Jonathan Freedland | tion. But it could turn into a

disruption if the running mate is not to their liking. September: Mr Dole travels September: Mr Dole travels the country, trying to reassure women, blacks and the elderly — all worried by the Republicans' slash-and-burn recent past. He will have to implement Richard Nixon's deathbed advice: run from the

> party's base. October: The month of dread, as he competes in television Three showdowns will make aides sweat: their man could look stiff and old next to the telegenic president.
> November 5: D-Day — and it

television charm, both stagnant campaign, and cut the defence secretary dur-Billionaires cream off Latin America's wealth

Phil Gunson reports on the widening gap between rich and poor as market forces dictate unequal income distribution

esearchers from Forbes magazine trying to assess his per-

Forbes put him down for \$6.1 billion (£4 billion), \$2.4 billion more than a year ago, but still 8500 million less than before the Mexican peso collapsed in December 1994.

are Mexicans.

A country in which, according to United Nations figures, half the population cannot afford an adequate daily calorie intake ranks fifth in the world by number of billionbehind the United aires -States, Germany, Japan and

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ARLOS SLIM is the richest man in Latin America. "Put whatever figure you like," he is reported to have told researchest from Forbes man.

Souza, a government adviser whose programmes to reduce hunger earned him a Nobel prize nomination, disagreed. He resigned from the government in May. In 1960, the poorest 50 per

cent of Brazilians accounted for 17.7 per cent of national income. By 1990, their income phone can or eat a chicken in Brazil. President Fer had fallen to 10.1 per cent of since almost all privatisation at the Sanborns restaurant chain and you help Mr nando Henrique Cardoso additional description in Brazil.

tally of billionaires is 10. in most Latin American countries for which comparative figures exist, income distribution deteriorated in the There is every indication that the trend has continued,

especially in countries which embraced privatisation and deregulation after the socalled "lost decade" of the Between 1990 and 1995,

Latin American governments divested themselves of 645 state companies. Mexico privatised 221.

As the political scientist Jorge Castaneda points out.

The World Bank says that, glomerates, there is little clous financial transfers at doubt that they further concentrated assets in nations where small numbers already controlled huge chunks of the national patrimony".

In 1991, Mexico had two dollar billionaires on the Forbes list. By 1994, the figure had risen to 24, as a direct result of privatisation.

Doubts about the competitiveness of the process were drowned out at the time by local and international applause for Mr Salinas's bold reform programme. But they are now resurfacing.

Some of Mexico's most prominent businessmen have been questioned recently by the attorney-general's office may find the answer soon.

to existing private sector con- | and the press about suspithe time of privatisation, involving Mr Salinas's brother Raul, who is awaiting trial on charges of murder and illicit

But 86 million Latin Americans survive on less than a dollar a day, and if income distribution is to be left to market forces, everything indicates that their numbers can only increase.

The big question is, how long will it be before the continent's recently restored democracies elect regimes committed to redistributive measures? If the free-marketeers per-sist with their policies, we German

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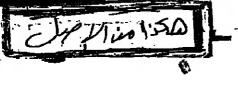
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will all be over. Jonathan Freedland

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Germany's family of ravers turn Love Parade into money-spinner



Techno music fans parade past Berlin's Brandenburg Gate on the Love Parade, which has become the defining event for a new generation of Germans

FTER four hours of aboard one of the Love Parade's 40 throbbing loud-speaker trucks, the go-go a glant water pistol into the dancer was getting air and a jet of water shot

crowd below to pass him up a drink. A few tried to throw him cans of cola or beer and others attempted Aflexing his muscles to to clamber aboard the the Techno beat truck — but nothing reached him.

desperate.

Wearing nothing but a tiny pair of black shorts, hiking boots and dark glasses, he pleaded with the

climbed a lamppost and and gruel-faced Easterners when a girl ripped off her clothes and plunged into a meet. fountain.

On the face of it, the 750,000 people who thronged the centre of Ber-lin for the Love Parade on Saturday appeared to have little in common apart from their youth.

Germany in special Love Trains, strapping Western-

and gruel-faced Easterners

Swaggering Turkish boys danced happily alongside skinheads and off-duty football hooligans mingled contentedly with leather-

clad gays.
Police praised the behaviour of festival-goers—only 34 people were arrested for offences such as possessing drugs and ignor-

The Love Parade that started eight years ago with 150 Techno fans has grown into Berlin's biggest annual attraction, earning the city's businesses more than £30 million in extra

No longer simply a tesuval of Techno music, it has become the defining event for a new generation of Germans who reject political ideology but hold fast to the series of the nine-hour paragraph of the nine-hour

This year's motto was "We are one family" but, with floats representing such divergent interests as Camel cigarettes, Green-peace and the "Rave 4 Christ", it was a powerful celebration of diversity.

As he spoke, German tele-vision news bulletins showed violent pictures laid out the Tiergarten as

The parade's route through the Tiergarten to the Brandenburg Gate and back to the Prussian Victory Column was laden with historical signifi-cance, but few of the ravers seemed burdened by their country's savage history. If

Frederick the Great. The 18th century Pruspolitan homosexual who made his court a home for radical thinkers and his state a haven of religious tolerance. His motto was Jeder nach seiner Facon (Each after his own

the bad old days

Matthew Brzezinski in-chief of one the largest opposition dailies. The paper, like six other independent publications, has to print its a suppression of dissent that smacks of dictatorship

MISTY drizzle shrouds the Soviet star that crowns the buge obelisk on Victory square. Beneath it, an guard of honour goose-steps to the sombre wail of Tchaikovsky. Thousands of alderly war

veterans, dripping with med-als, huddle before the monu-ment under black umbrellas and drenched red Soviet flags. KGB watchers video-tape the procession. They focus their cameras on several Western observers and young state enterprise employee bussed in to the government-sponsored march, who try to

leave discreetly after the official bead-counts. The scene could be straight out of pre-perestroika Mos-cow. But it was played out recently in Minsk, capital of the former Soviet republic of Belarus, where the hardline president, Alexander Lukashenko, is determined to

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restore a Stalinist system. On July 1 Belarus became the only European country whose citizens need permis-sion to travel abroad. The new iron curtain isolating this tiny country wedged be-tween Poland and Russia also covers the information high-

way: Internet surfers must now register with the militia. The restrictions are part of a crackdown on dissent: independent newspapers have en closed, dozens of journalists beaten, opposition rallies violently crushed and jails filled with hundreds of

In Belarus you can be branded an enemy of the state for pro-Western views, sup-porting the free market, criticising the president's policies or opposing the restoration of the former Soviet Union.

This is an allegation that kangaroo courts in Belarus take seriously: a deaf and mute teenager was tried recently for shouting anti-

We have a communist dic-

publications, has to print its editions in neighbouring Lithuania because it has been denied access to the state-owned printing works and distribution networks.

Its troubles do not stop there. In late June, four unidentified men beat up the wife of an outspoken fournal st working for Mr Sheremet telling her they would return to visit her husband unless he changed the tone of his

Since then several other spouses of independent jour-nalists have been threatened by men in the streets.

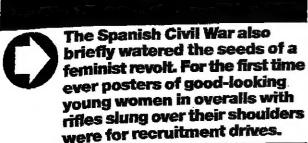
Mr Lukashenko, the 41year-old former collective farm director elected to power in 1994, sees his mis-sion as restoring order from the chaos that has prevailed since the Soviet Union collapsed. He has vowed to run "the bunch of crooks" that have opened shops, businesses and banks since 1991 out of the country.

He has banned the registration of new private businesses and started proceedings to close existing ones. He has tried to restore a command economy with fixed production schedules and ar-

ificial exchange rates. Belarus's small business community is angry, but few are screaming foul. Most keep portraits of the president on their desks. Not surprising considering he has the backing of a huge security appeara-tus which, according to Western diplomats, employs 150,000 of the country's 10 mil-

lion citizens.
Indeed, militiamen in nest olive-grey uniforms, plain-clothes KGB officers at the wheels of dark Voiga sedans and dreaded Omon elite riot squads lurk on every street corner in the dreary capital. Shortly after Mr Lukashen ko's election Omon squads were sent into parliament to drag out MPs who opposed his declaration to rule by

Piotr Kapltula, a top ad-viser to Mr Lukashenko, defends the crackdown. "President Lukashenko supports freedom of speech and democracy," he said. "But free speech entails responsibility tatorship in the remaking." and unfortunately certain said Pavel Sheremet, editor people are irresponsible."



G2 cover story

Belarus returns to UK to block Burma sanctions

Nick Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

fying the Burmese democracy move-ment's appeals to the West to shun trade and investment with the military regime, seems likely to obstruct calls for sanctions against Burma at a meeting of European Union foreign ministers in Brussels today.

Backed by other EU member states, notably Ireland, which holds the EU presi-dency, London is expected to argue that any sanctions

should first receive international support. As a result. for EU sanctions is being led links to the Burmese democking ministers are likely to refer the issue to a study group.

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Britain's lack of enthusiasm for sanctions is consistent with Department of Trade and Industry efforts, exposed in yesterday's Observer, to explore new business opportunities in Burma. A DTI official arrived in Rangoon for that purpose last month on the day that the Foreign Office minister Jeremy Hanley told the Com-mons that Britain supported democratic reform and had

cancelled a proposed trade

junta and the death in detention of its honorary consul, James Nichols, who also represented Finland, Norway

The US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, said last week that Washington was tions but was looking at other forms of pressure first. Mr Nichols was charged

with possessing unauthorised telephone and fax machines but was almost certainly 13 hours after his death and

ment said last week it had evi-

The junta has added to the outrage at Mr Nichols's death by stalling on requests for de-tails of the circumstances and ignoring requests for infor-mation from the governments

dence that the 65-year-old Mr Nichols was tortured with

sleep deprivation before his

he worked for as consul. The Burmese authorities had Mr Nichols buried ernments for a medical their application for an inde-

ent autopsy.

The EU meeting comes at a time when renewed action by the Burmese junta against Ms Suu Kyi, leader of the National League for Democracy, seems possible. Ran-goon residents are speculat-ing how she will mark Martyrs' Day on Friday, com-memorating her father, the independence hero Aung San, jail.

ministry has ignored a sion in 1989 with a march by request by the European govcontributing to her detention for six years under house ar-

Ms Suu Kyi also appears to have put herself on a collision course with the junta this year by her determination to prepare a draft constitution as an alternative to the charter under debate in a military-dominated convention. The junta passed a law last month threatening anyone be-littling the convention with



Museum set to put Brutus back on his pedestal

Paul Webster in Vizitio

WO hundred years on, Lucius Junius Brutus's legendary contribution to the Terror is being reassessed in an exhibition at the French Revolution museum near Grenoble.

Brutus, remembered for his oath of vengeance after the rape of Lucretia by King Tarquin's son, was one of the first consuls of the Roman Republic established in 509 BC. In 1789 he became the idol of French republicanism — only to be cast down with Maximillen Robespierre bardly five years after the fall of the

Vizille, a town famous for its anti-royalist fervour be-fore the Revolution, has taken on the task of rehabilitating Lucius Brutus. The town boasts the most important museum dedicated to 1789, but it attracts only 45,000 visitors a year because of poor transport

The exhibition organiser,

sition of a 1793 painting by Pierre-Narcisse Guerin called La Mort de Brutus. This was finished at the peak of Brutus's popularity soon after his bust was placed on the desk of the national assembly's speaker when the first republic was

"Revolutionaries of 1789 referred unceasingly to Lucius Junius Brutus as the virtuous defender of republicanism," Mr Bordes said. recalling the Roman leader's death sentence on his two sons when they tried to re-establish the monarchy. "His severity was in-voked during the Terror as just and necessary. Afterwards, the horrors committed in his name made him

appear a monster." In paintings by Botticelli and Raphael, and classic literature like Shakespeare's Lucrece, Brutus is commemorated more for his compassion for Lucretia than his anti-royalism. But 18th century painters and writers created a European-wide cult around his sacrifices for a republic examination officials to state Philippe Bordes, was in-spired by the recent acqui-brought about by the revolt violence."

that followed Lucretia's

One of the most influential paintings was by a man, Gavin Hamilton. His depiction of Brutus's oath inspired a gallery of French neo-classicists, including Guerin and Jacques-Louis David.

Voltaire's tragedy Brutus raised republican citizenship to an ideal, and by the time Louis XVI had been decapitated Brutus was one of the most popular first names in Paris and Many of the Revolution's

great figures cited the ancient Roman's condemnation of his sons as a justification of the Terror. "It is fair to say that the doption of Brutus as a godfather turned against

them," Mr Bordes said. "He was chosen to impose the rule of law, patriotic de-votion and an inflexible attitude towards traitors. In fact, his image could serve

Young China bashes US

'The Chinese race is at a most crucial moment and we should stand up and build a new Great Wall with our own flesh and blood' Chinese national anthem

English, and other Westerners to understand what the

young people of China today really think."

No. a wild jumble of conspir-acy theory, anti-Western po-lemic and bombastic insecu-rity. The title mimics The

Japan that Can Say No, a 1989

tract by a Japanese national

st, Shintaro Ishihara, and the

The result is China Can Say

Andrew Higgins

OR more than two millennia, the Great Wall — 3,750 miles of earth and brick — has served as the symbol of Chinese pride, power and not infrequent

But it is a modest wall in Washington DC that animates the darker fantasies of China's new nationalists

The 247ft slab of black granite is inscribed with the names of 58,196 Americans killed in Vietnam. Radical Chinese patriots predict the erection of a second memorial wall on Washington's central mall. It will be needed, they say, to record all the Americans who perish in a coming war with China over Taiwan. "Washington should prepare to engrave the names of

pare to engrave the names o even more young Americans on an even higher and still wider memorial wall," warns a 435-page manifesto of mill-tant Chinese nationalism. The tract is the work of five young Chinese writers -

journalists and poets — mem-bers of the intelligentsia that only seven years ago paraded into Tiananmen Square to chant for democracy and cheer a plaster replica of the Statue of Liberty.

"When we were in universi-ty, we all admired American culture and worshipped Western things," said Song Qiang, the television journalist, aged 31, who masterminded the book. "Now that we are older we realise that we don't have to despise our own country." The writers trace their disillusionment with the West to two acts of "betrayal": the de-feat of China's bid to host the 2000 Olympic Games and the

arrival of two US aircraft-carrier battle groups off the coast of Talwan in March. "Americans are very paive. They think that Chinese youth are all pro-Western and | thwarting China's rise to | been China Must Say No!

former Sony chairman Akio Morita. In tone and style, though, it resembles more closely a rant by the Russian ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky. The authors deny any gov-

Mr Song regrets only the title: 'Many think it should have been China Must Say No!'

ernment role in the project but, in a country where every trinted word is vetted for hints of political heterodoxy. their cause clearly enjoys official favour.

An initial print run of 50,000 copies sold out within weeks. Wen Wei Po, a Beijing controlled newspaper in Hong Kong, is now serialising extracts, part of a campaign to drum up patriotic fervour in the colony before Britain pulls out next year.

Its chapter headings include "Don't be afraid of saying Let's get ready for war" and "Burn down Hollywood". The manifesto sees Russia as China's future ally in an anti-Western axis, hails the "fron will and unyielding ex-

admire them," said Mr Song. | superpower status. "The "We want Americans, the downfall of the United States is just a matter of time."
US demands that China close factories churning out pirate copies of films, software and compact discs are dismissed as a plot. China must retaliate by charging foreigners for the use of

paper, gunpowder and other pirated Chinese inventions. Even the dinner table becomes an east-west battle-ground. "How come foreigners laugh at our way of managing forks and knives at the dinner table while they do not even know how to use chopsticks properly? Are Western forks and knives bet-ter than Chinese chopsticks? Fuck off."

Mr Song conceded that the book was not always coherent. He said it was written in only three weeks. "We wanted to get people's atten-tion. We are serious but we also have a sense of humour."
Its wacky belligerence should delight Chinese diplomats. They have spent much time arguing that any chal-lenge to Beijing on human rights or copyright piracy will inflame nationalist feelings and produce a dangerous

anti-foreign backlash. The book began in much the same way as the student protests of 1989, growing out of the informal discussion groups Chinese intellectuals call sha-long - salons.

In the 1980s such discus-sions focused on the pro-Western and pro-democracy themes of dissident intellectuals like the astrophysicist Fang Lizhi. But with Professor Fang in exile in the US and the ideas he championed banished with him, young Chinese wave the flag instead

of protest banners. Mr Song's only regret about tremism" of Iran's Islamic China Can Say No is the revolution and mocks the US phrasing of its title. "Many as a flabby has been bent on people think it should have

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Avoiding civil war in Ulster Brinkmanship must end now

ULSTER stands once again at the abyss after the first terrorist bomb for two years. If it tips over, it won't be down to predestination but because people individually and collectively will act out the Pavlovian responses of hundreds of years of irrational hatred. It is vital for all parties to lead and to look beyond the self-gratification of instant revenge. Looking backwards has been Ireland's fatal obsession. Of course, with hindsight it would have been the lesser of two evils if the Chief Constable Sir Hugh Annesley had escorted the loyalist march in the first place instead of being forced to do a humiliating U-turn. But it would have been even better if the loyalists hadn't wantonly planned a show of if the loyalists nath t wantomy planned a show of strength to protect rites of passage through a Catholic enclave. If the talks are to succeed there will have to be blg compromises among Catholics, Protestants, the british government, the British government and the paramilitaries. If the Protestants' contribution is to refuse to divert the course of a historic march by a few hundred yards then how on earth can they compromise on much bigger constitutional issues?

It is possible to draw a doomsday optimism from the It is possible to draw a doomsday optimism none die IRA's denial of involvement in the evil bomb attack on Enniskillen's Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday night during innocent wedding celebrations. The IRA — whose abandonment of the ceasefire bears a heavy responsibility for heightened Protestant fears - doesn't normally lie about its atrocities, with the recent exception of the murder of a policeman in the Irish republic. If the Emiskillen bombing turns out to have been done by an IRA splinter group, like the military wing of Republican Sinn Fein, then it has ominous implications but nothing compared with a renewal of the IRA's bombing campaign in the North. This would trigger Protestant reprisals and a brutal end to the glimpse of ordinary life that everyone has enjoyed these past two years.

The vast majority still desperately want peace and their views must prevail either by mass street demon-strations or by their leaders once more seizing the initiative. Sinn Fein must convert its pathetic parrot cry that the British government is always responsible for whatever goes wrong into positive leadership while the British government must give Ulster the priority it demands even in an election year during which its unionist tail threatens its fragile majority. Perhaps free copies of Nelson Mandela's autobiography should be distributed to show true Christian values, including his inspiring ability to see good in his enemies throughout his political life. He displayed the virtues of charity and forgiveness which have been absent recently from soter Christians, whose arcane theological differences will continue to baffle non-believe where. The lesson both of South Africa and of Ulster is that where there is a will there really is a way. John Hume may have been falling into fatal Irish shorttermism when he withdrew yesterday from the forum (though he is staying in the talks process); but he was right to say that the streets of Northern Ireland are screaming for the implementation of the Anglo-Irish principles. The talks must go on with all parties prepared to participate before the results are put to a referendum. The alternative - a return to sectarian civil war - is dangerously close. In the cauldron of Ulster politics even an hour is a long time.

Taming the climate

First, the big corporations must be faced

MANY PEOPLE — as John Mortimer suggested in our columns — will be delighted at the prospect of England being provided with a Mediterranean climate by global warming. If only it was so simple. Cold reality arrives this week when environment ministers meet in Geneva at a crucial world climate conference following the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio. Even in 1992, the group of 2,500 scientists advising the UN was uncertain about the links between weather trends and the build-up of greenhouse gases. Now global warming is not a theory

History shows how climatic change can wipe out forests or other eco-systems, eliminating hundreds of species. Rio's climate convention was called to stabilise the world's atmosphere. Yet even its modest target — a reduction in the rising emission of carbon dioxide to 1990 levels by the year 2000 — will be missed by most industrial nations. A Henley-on-Thames as warm as Sienna has obvious allure for chianti-shire enthusiasts like John Mortimer. But pushing climate zones further south will have devastating effects on many nations. Already a chronic water shortage affects 80 states accounting for 40 per cent of the world's population. Current projections show the average flow of the Indus river in Pakistan falling by 43 per cent and the Niger in Africa by 31 per cent by 2000. Stand by for water wars in Africa and the Middle East and millions of environmen-

A World Health Organisation panel has compared the tal refugees. current industrial lobby against further restrictions on energy consumption to the tobacco industry's tactics when scientists first linked cancer to cigarette smoking 30 years ago. Re-aligning an energy system so that fossil fuels (currently providing 80 per cent of global energy supply) are shifted from a predominant to a supplementary energy supplier, pits ministers against the world's most power corporations: oil companies, car manufacturers, energy producers. The industrial lobby has successfully restrained progress since Rio. It has emasculated President Clinton's 1993 plan to clean up America — the world's biggest emitter of carbon dioxide — and rallied the Republican Party to its cause

for the 1996 presidential elections. Now it is intent on stalling the agreement made at last year's Berlin conference for a protocol to be added to the 1992 treaty setting out further targets and timetables beyond 2000. The scientists want at least a 50 per cent reduction in carbon emissions — but industry will resist further restrictions. Much will depend on President Clinton's readiness to take on the producers' lobby. Given the geographic spread and the multigenerational time frame of the problem, the task is daunting. Yet new forms of energy open up new economic opportunities as Japan has quickly recognised. This week, ministers need to re-affirm the Berlin manifesto and commit themselves to a new energy efficiency strategy. Longer term we need emission trading systems and less damaging energy supplies.



Letters to the Editor

Banish the bill, not the refugee

HE CHANGES proposed in the Asylum and immigration Bill, particularly the withdrawal of benefits from asylum-seekers, are deeply worrying. If the Government enacts this legislation, which returns to the tion, which returns to the Commons today for its final reading, it will profoundly alter this country's tradition of affording a haven to refugees.

The granting of asylum to refugees is central to the Christian practice of offering

hospitality to those fleeing war and persecution. The 1951 UN Convention defines a refugee as a person with a "well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opin-ion". Although Britain is a party to this convention, in reality, even those who meet

its requirements may still not be granted asylum.
The withdrawal of benefits will prevent many genuine asylum-seekers form exercising their legal rights. As Lord Justice Brown stated in his judgment (Judges scorn significant number of genuine asylum-seekers [are] impaled on the horns of so intolerable

gee status, or alternatively to maintain themselves ... in a state of utter destitution. Fair and efficient procedures are necessary to ensure that asylum cases are pro-cessed justly and expedi-tiously. The withdrawal of tiously. The withdrawai the benefits, however, is an indiscriminate deterrent which does not solve the serious

problem of delays.
The Government should seriously rethink its policies.
The failure to provide adequate protection under the requirements of the UN Convention amounts to a betrayal not only of Britain's legal obligations but also of our moral responsibility to provide refuge to those who flee vio-lence and persecution. Rt Rev Patrick O'Donoghue. Bishop in West London. Julian Filochowski. Director, CAFOD.

John Joseet Catholic Bishop's Conference Sr Marie Power. Conference of Religious in England and Wales. Catholic Archdiocese of c/o 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN.

a dilemma: the need either to abandon their claims to refuge status, or alternatively to case of ministers behaving badly, July 11). He says the Government's amendment, once again depriving asylumseekers of benefits "meets the judges' legal points". We will not know whether this is so until it has once again been

argued out in the courts.

The judges found that the denial of benefits was contrary to Section 2 of the Asylum and Immigration Act 1993. This Act upholds the right to seek asylum itself. It also incorporates an international treaty. The Government does not admit that the denial of benefits threatens the right to seek asylum, but the question of whether one Act of Parliament contradicts another is not a question for the Govern-ment, it's a question for the

judges.
The Government could have The Government count have made its position water-tight by repealing the right to seek asylum. The question whether Parliament can only repeal an international treaty by express words has not yet been argued — but it will be. Earl Russell. London SWIA OAA

ALREADY 8,000 asylum-seekers have been made destitute. They are staying in church halls, relying upon the hospitality of other asylumeekers and refugees, many of whom are themselves depen-dent upon benefits. Many are undoubtedly on the streets.
These are vulnerable people, in a new and strange land, fleeing horrifying situations, fearful, discriented, confused and offer unable to mask and often unable to speak English. The support they receive in "civilised" Britian is a shop doorway and a beg-

ging bowl.
The Government claims it has public support for its as-sault on asylum-seekers. We refuse to believe that the majority of decent people believe that such inhumanity is worth the 0.2 per cent of the social security budget the Government claims it will save. Diane Abbott MP.

And seven others. Campaign against the Asylum and Immigration Bill, 28 Commercial Street, Lodon E1 6LS.

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Nelson expects every business this day to do its duty

however, much less convinced that there is any real willing-ness amongst political leaders or businessmen to give him much help in building the new

South Africa.
Throughout the years of anartwhite supremacy and apartheid both major parties effectively failed to oppose South Africa in the UN. Pre-Tutu, the English-speaking churches were also complicit in the maintenance of the regime, even though a royal line of individual clergymen (Scott, Reeves, Huddleston) provided an exception. Even the left-wing flea removed eight teachers from their posts for daring to celebrate Mande-la's 70th birthday because he

was regarded as a terrorist.
South Africa needs economic aid to build up its infrastructure, especially in educa-tion, to combat racial inequality. It has been offered a derisory sum, enough to make a partial contribution to

a bypass around Soweto.

The ANC and the South
African Communist Party capitalist investment as the engine of change. But, to judge London NW3 3MU. have chosen to rely on private

AM glad that the president of mandela's appeal, there is limbered in Britain. I am, because much less convinced in South Andrew In South Andre ish capital.
What is needed is a move-

ment to succeed Anti-Apartheid to demand that Mandela heid to demand the given and his colleagues be given the means to create a genuine the means to create. Without non-racial society. this we shall see simply tired politicians trying to his reflected glory. (Prof) John Rex. Centre for Research in

Ethnic Relations, University of Warwick,

IT IS sad that nobody has acknowledged the role of extled musicians in highlighting the evils of spartheid. It is time to celebrate the senius of such as Chris MacGregor, Dudu Pukuwana, Mongezi Fezi, Johnny Dhyani and Harry Miller — and all those associated with the Brotherhood of Breath. Their music was a challenge to the senses, their enample a challenge to the ide-ology of the then South Afri-can government. They died not just in exile but of exile. Liz Harris.

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Music fit for the royal fireworks

Aitken of his high opinion of Sir Edward Heath's conducting (Outlook, July 13). Al-though I have never heard Heath play the plane, I have had the misfortune to play under his baton on severa

occasions.
In all essentials he is deficlent: he can neither start a piece efficiently nor maintain a steady tempo with a clear beat. Most laughable of all are his attempts to handle the or-

chestra in concertos.

The shambles for which he was responsible on one occa-sion at the end of Moura Lym-pany's cadenza in the last movement of the Emperor concerto, and his pathetic at tempts to follow a solo cellist in Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variatons on another, remain vivid in my memory severa rears after the events. Basil Howitt. 21 Mauldeth Road West.

Withington, Manchester N120 3EQ.

Cally-wavering, professional cellist to disabuse Ian tion a system which allows people to serve in Parliament over the normal retirement age. Why is it that in most professions people are pensioned off at 65, whereas an octoge narian in the House of Commons is quite permissible? H Colin Biggs. Meadoway, Longton

Preston, Lancs PR4 5BB. GIVEN Diana's pop-star now to be styled "the woman formerly known as Princess. L M Stockman and

David Harper. Queen Mary and Westfield College, London E1 4NS. HE Prince of Wales sup ports a drive against those he considers guilty of "medi-ocrity and inadequacy".

Frank Paice. The Laurels. Shelfanger. Diss. Norfolk, IP22 2DG.



Many hands make heavy work DISAGREE with the glib as- | laughs than the theme tune to

sertion that American sit-coms are better than their English counterparts (How Neil grew up, G2, July 10). Admittedly, America has a history of producing high-quality half-hours, but the times of Bilko, Mash or heers have long gone. Today's crop comes nowhere near this standard and pales dreadfully against their British contemporaries. Rosanne is past its sell-by date; Frazier

Oh Doctor Beeching and nobody watches them.

The number of writers must be the reason for this

inferiority. A committee may produce enough wisecracks for a stateside run, but they will never produce the lad-dishness of Men Behaving Badly or the imbecility of The High Life. Nor can they match the viewing figures of Goodnight Sweetheart. In comedy, British is best. (Dr) Graham G Almond. may be funny, but there is only one joke; Friends is nau-8 Park View, Oakenshaw, seating. They throw up fewer | Crook. Co Durham DL15 0ST.

A Country Diary NEW ABBEY, DUMFRIES: | their long-established pres-

With sunlight still streaming onto the woodland floor, it seemed unlikely that the badgers were going to emerge yet. But, suddenly, there they were, trotting in my direction. Previously I scouted the layout of the sett, so I knew they had started the evening with a visit to the shallow pits which serve these house-proud animals as a latrine. This was my first sighting of badger, but it is one of the less beneficial impacts of wildlife television that it can be a series of the less beneficial impacts of wildlife television. that it can blunt one's response to the genuine article. It felt as if I had always known exactly how they would be. Even so, I noted details previously overlooked: how the white ear-tips stood out igainst the two, black facial stripes and how the long whis-kery hair of the adjacent white stripes terminated on the neck in convex scoops of creamy fur. Although I continued to watch them for a further hour, most impressive of all were the abundant signs of

ence. Paths criss-crossed this steep-sided wood in all directions, and from these arteries ran numerous trails, which the badgers had made in more recent forays. Amongst the blanket of bluebells, the woodland floor was everywhere pocked with bare earth, where they had dug for worms. The two main setts, one either side of a stream, consisted of about 20 holes and outside each was a pile of spoil often topped with old bedding. Some of these mounds were a couple of metres across and spoke of years of occupancy. having being pushed up and trampled down until it formed a hard dome. One record sett included 180 entrances and 880 metres of tunnel, while some of them can have been occu-pied for centuries. Although I couldn't calculate the period of residence here, as I walked away with the owls hooting, I knew what it meant to speak of a badger wood. MARK COCKER

Red faces over an Orange climbdown viously, was. And the highly ble reasonably admitted he march past is that also part of appeasement and defended the loyalist heritage which he the majority of the community was afraid would be used to have known it. What is more kill his men. And we are suphable was a fraid would be used to is determined to preserve?

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

INCE Wednesday, I have read a dozen times that Members of Parliament sacrificed both goodwill and respect when they voted for a 29,000-ayear increase in their salaries. No doubt. But that was only because they (or do I mean we?) were held in such low esteem before the fatal 26 per cent was even recommended by the pay review. Men and women who think that Paul Gascolone is worth an annual fortune believe that the MPs who make their laws do not deserve to earn in a year what Gazza is paid in less than a month. If politicians were admired, their pay rates would not be a contentious issue. Last Friday evening. Sir Patrick Mayhew demon-

strated one of the reasons why

they (or we) are held in con-

stant ridicule and occasional

contempt Normally, I think of the Secretary of State for

best — of today's politicians. Usually he is calm, sensible and moderate. But three days ago he was blatantly absurd. First, he grew angry (or counterfeited anger) at the allegation that the Royal Ulster Constabulary had capitulated to the Orange marchers at

Drumcree. Then he elaborated on his insistence that the forces of law and order would never yield to the threats of force or violence by virtually admitting that was exactly what they had done. How would you have reacted, he asked rhetorically, if 50,000 Orangemen had broken through the police cordon and begun to attack the Catholic houses either side of the Garvaghy Road? It is not necessary to have

read Language, Truth and Logic to realise that Sir Patrick's two points were mutu-ally contradictory. If the RUC changed tactics because of the fear that it would first be overrun, and then become an impotent witness to a near massacre, it was yielding to force. It is, I suppose, possible to argue that it was yielding in a

he must have realised that viewers all over Britain were wondering why he was pretending that the police had not been forced to retreat when the chief constable had more or less admitted that, being outnumbered, they had no choice but to withdraw.

I can think of only one possible reason to explain - and perhaps even to an extent excuse - Sir Patrick's bizarre behaviour. There was a need, as he saw it, to rescue the peace process by protecting what is left of the Ulster Unionist party's reputation. For if he had admitted that there was an all-out confrontation - Orange lodges versus RUC - and that the police had given in, another admission

would be unavoidable. When the rule of law broke down, David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, was on the wrong side of the barricades.

Let me remind you how wrong that side was. Amongst the men wearing the sash that the Secretary of State for good cause — or at least a there was an armoured bulling rest when the preposterous there has an armoured bulling rest when the preposterous dozer, which the chief constal processions of fife and drums the preposterous dozer, which the chief constal processions of fife and drums the preposterous dozer.

posed to believe that avoiding death by murderous buildozer is not yielding to force. You and I - not to mention

Sir Patrick Mayhew — know that what Cardinal Cahal Daly said about victory for the mob was true. So, I suspect, does David Trimble, who wants to turn up at Stormont next week or the week after full of pious hopes for a reasonable settlement to the Northern Ireland crisis. Perhaps I have not been listening sufficiently intently. but I have not heard him unequivocally condemn either the plan to buildoze through the police lines or the assembly of so many riotous Orange men that the police had little choice but to bow to their wishes.

Nor can i recall him denouncing what Paddy Ashdown rightly described as ethnic cleansing — the forcible removal of Catholic families from the so-called Protestant areas. And how, I wonder, does he feel about Catholic families being placed under what amounted to house ar-

for Gerry Adams and have got into much trouble for saying so. I mean no compliment to him when I ask what the British newspapers would have written if a Sinn Fein march had brushed aside the police and forced itself on a Protestant community in the way that Orangemen forced them selves on Drumcree.

Whether or not Adams had been seen on television arguing with the RUC, we would have been told that unless he denounced what had happened and those who organised the outrage, he must not be allowed to take part in the constitutional talks. But it seems that Trimble can support the march against the police at one minute and then speak up for law and order the

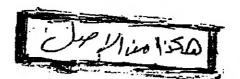
Anyone who needs an example of double standards now operating in and about Northern Ireland, needs do no more than read the letters page of last Saturday's Times. In the prize spot at the top of the first column, Dr T S Callaghan described the peace process as he is worth his salary.

handedly with the representatives of terror and with decent people." What Dr Callaghan seems not to realise is that the marchers who faced down the police and intimidated decent people along the route were terrorists - despite their bowler hats and rolled umbrellas. The leadership of the Ulster Unionist Party has become their representative.

I do not, for a second, condone the violence which followed the police capitulation. Nor do I believe either that the peace talks should be ahandoned or that David Trimble should be disqualified from taking part until he renounces violence. Fragile though the chances of success now are, they are the best chances that we have. And Sir Patrick Mayhew must get on with it as

best he can. I simply argue that the discussions are most likely to prosper if he abandons his recently developed habit of de-fying reason and ignoring ob-vious truths. If nothing else. he will convince people that

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John Hooper

UCY and I are experts.
All of us have a particular talent or skill – something we do better than anyone else. What Lucy and I do better than anyone else is have disas-trous holidays.

It's something we can only do together. Before we married, we both — sepa-rately — enjoyed normal, pleasant vacations. So you can imagine that our honeymoon was something rather

It began at a hotel run by a psycopath. On the first night, she fell out with a huge Negrocian 45 huge Norwegian and flung him down a flight of stairs.

Honeymooners are not meant to notice what's going on around them.
They're meant to spend all their time in bed. We too spent all our time in bed. But that was because we im-mediately developed bron-chial for chial flu.

I had planned it all carefully, in such a way that we could enjoy not one, but two. Greek islands. Thus, halfway through, when both of us were in high fever. we had to get up to go to the port.

The two islands were next to one other. You could see the second from the first. But it transpired that there was no ferry between them. So we had to go all the way back to the mainland. And then find a hotel, because the ferry from Island One didn't arrive until five minutes after the ferry to Island

Two departed.
I shall not easily forget the experience of dragging two leaden bags through the backstreets of Piraeus with a temperature of over 100. But later events have enveloped the memory in

an almost nostalgic glow. At holiday time, it has beneither of us is ill, it has to

be raining. Or worse. We went to Queensland and a typhoon — you remember the one that wrecked Mackay and Rockhampton some years ago? defied all predictions to veer towards us. We went to Florida and on the first morning I drew back the to find a traffic sign embedded in the rear of our hire car — there had been a hurricane in the night which we had been too jet-lagged to

For a while, we were convinced it was all the fault of our lack of planning. We pored over brochures and compared rates. We even, God help us, had a personal interview with the tour

That was the year we ended up in an apartment in Spain. It had a glorious view of a sandy bay — and a hole in the ceiling through which crumbling asbestos fell like January snow.

For a while, we reckoned the solution was just to go pack our bags, jump on a plane, then find the best place at the best price.

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We tried the Caribbean. We roughed it. But we tracked down what seemed like the dream hotel at a reasonable rate. And, cau-tiously, we booked for a were due to fly there, we dis-covered, by purest chance. that it was due to close forever — on the day after our arrival.

For understandable reasons, we have recently stuck closer to home, which for us is Rome.

Last year, we went to Umbria — for that fortnight which everyone agrees saw the heaviest August rains in living memory. This year. we went to the Italian

Lakes. What could be safer than an area which features on a million chocolate boxes? No sooner had we cleared the toll booths outside Milan than huge black clouds could be seen jostling each other in the foothills of the Alps. The next day's papers told us seven yachtsmen had been winched to

We had not even uncked and there had been a shipwreck. On Lake

Maggiore. I have no advice, no moral, to offer. Just a tip. Don't look for us in other people's holiday snaps.
Look for us at the end of the
TV news — in the segment
reserved for overseas natural disasters. Look for a tall man and a blonde woman not waving, but quite possibly in danger of drowning.



A typical holiday snap from the Hooper family album

So nice you don't have to wash your hands

Commentary

Mark Lawson

Y COINCIDENCE, while flying to Amer-ica last week, I read a book review by the military historian John Keegan of Grand Expectations, the latest volume in the Oxford history of the United States, covering the period 1945-74. Keegan confessed that, on his own first visit to the US in 1957, he felt he had "emerged into Wonderland", a place of plenty and vitality that contrasted starkly with the "grey little welfare state" from which he came. It was a nation where the cars and the fruit and the people all seemed impossibly big and bright. He had never, he said, quite lost

that joy. This is a fairly standard attitude towards America for those Britons who first visited it just after the second world war - I have read very similar sentiments expressed by Roy Jenkins and Kingsley Amis — but one which is likely to make younger gen-erations think, if I may borrow an expression: get outta called Shannon Lucid, comic here! For those Britons born novel names which confirmed

later, the wonder, while it un-doubtedly still remains, has century America of a slippage become fatally complicated by comedy and horror. An hour in the room of my

hotel confirmed this view. The lavatory was fitted with the Panasonic "Intimist" anal hy-gene system, a device to satisfy the curiosity of anyone who has ever wondered what it might be like to be sodo-mised by a soda siphon. This invention may stand as the pointless apotheosis of the American desire to have technology which other civilisations lack.

Next I noticed that there had been a subtle change in the breakfast order forms which occupants are invited to hang on their doorknob be-fore retiring. Visitors were now advised to write only their initials, rather than their full name, on the card. The only logical explanation for this change is that some mugger or murderer had gained entry to hotel rooms by reading the surnames off the slavering requests for pancakes and orange juice and pretending to be room service. On the television, a talk show was trailing an item on how to deal with "household pets with low self-esteem", while another promised reve-lations on "cosmetic surgery for tropical fish". On a news programme, an anchorman

called Kent Shockneck was talking about an astronaut

between satire and reality. The contrast which so appealed to John Keegan and his generation was still there, but something had gone wrong with the contrast control.

It was intriguing to read,

then, that the latest craze in

American culture

apparently, niceness A siew of articles, crowned by a Newsweek cover story, de-clare that consumers are rejecting musturess and em-bracing sweetness. The evidence for this change of heart is a significant shift in one area of American television: the afternoon talk shows. This genre has depended on lurid confession and confrontation in front of a live audience. The king of this time slot — Ger-aldo Rivera — once hosted an edition entitled "Men In Lace Panties and the Women who Love Them"; in another show on cosmetic surgery, had fat from his backside injected into his forehead; and, in a third, had his nose broken in a fight with neo-Nazis.

However, the newest American sensation — her afternoon show achieving the best debut ratings since Oprah Winfrey – is Rosie O'Donnell, a Dawn French lookalike, whose gentle and jolly chat show has convinced critics and advertisers that nice is in.

But the current euphoriz over the programme's success
— in which the hostess gushes about Tom Cruise and syco-

can culture is its mean streak. In fact, I would argue that with the exception of its homi-cide rate — US society has been committed to niceness, an ambition encapsulated in its legendary insincerity: 'Have a nice day!"

The Reagan presidency was the logical conclusion of a general electoral desire to be pre-sided over by a nice guy who will pretend that things are going well. In the current nce. Bill Clinton is helped by perception that he is a more leasant fellow than the dour Bub Dole, who is further dranged down by the nastiness of the Republican rightwing, which has just prevented him from inserting a reference to "tolerance" in the party's policy statement on abortion.

American popular culture

up to and including the current hit alien-invasion move

American popular culture is disfigured by illogical happy endings

independence Day — is fre-quently disfigured by illogical happy endings, an artistic application of niceness. For example, Newsweek's piece on the nicing of American cul-ture included a reference to the autumn TV schedule in which "Bill Cosby returns as a grumpy geezer with a heart of gold". British viewers may be surprised to learn that the series in question is the American version of One Foot In The Grave, with Cosby as a characteristically sanitised Victor Maldrew.

Political correctness virus in modern American life - is, in essence, an institutionalised niceness, an imthat John Keegan did in the 1950s, but a strange combina-

This mixture of emotions was perfectly evoked by an obituary that appeared in American newspapers this weekend. A US citizen called Alex Manoogian died last week, aged 95, in Detroit. An Armenian who came to America with his family in the 1920s, he finished up as the chief executive of a billion dollar company.

Manoogian pioneered the

single-handed faucet that per-mitted millions of citizens of the second half of the century to access water in their bathroom or kitchen while keeping one hand free for other tasks.

This seems to me a nurely American life: an immigrant who took advantage of genuine political freedom to capitalise on the provision of a rather spurious domestic freedom. Manoogian's obituary, like so much in his adopted country, reads as half a mir-acle and half a joke, but he had the advantage of coming to the country at a time when the astonishing still had the ascendancy over the comic. It seems unlikely that we will be quite as touched by the obituaries, when it comes time to write them, for the inventor of the "Intimist" anal hygiene sytem, a brain wave which betters that of the late Mr Manoogian by leaving you with both hands free to do other things. Indeed, if you think about it, this curious construction results from a desire to make even defecation nicer. America really doesn't

in. The youngest must have been eight; the rest were all under 14. They explained that

their parents had given them to a "friend" in Addis who

had seen them through Cus-

toms and then vanished in the Arrivals hall. They had no

idea why they were here, what to do or who to turn to.

Eventually someone con-

tacted social services and put

According to the Home Office, 360 unaccompanied children under 17 arrived in

the UK in 1994, the largest

number from Somalia and Sri Lanka. But even in countries

them into the system.

phantically chats with faded TV stars from the 1950s — assumes that the central problem of contemporary American from the disabled or the start of t of their condition. It is, in short, all that niceness that makes America such a frightening place and makes 1990s visitors feel not the "mondow" ening place and makes 1990s visitors feel not the "wooder" that John Keegan did in the



Paul Foot

HE only good news to come out of Northern Ireland in recent days is the announcement that the Secretary of State, Sir Patrick Mayhew, is not going to stand again at the next election. He could and should improve on the good news by resigning forthwith. Two alternatives emerged from his abject performance on Newsnight on July 12th. Either, as most republicans in Northern Ireland believe, he was dissembling - and had in fact given secret orders to the police to surrender to the Orange marchers at Portadown. If so, he broke every pledge made by ministers since they took charge in Northern Ire-land in 1972 — that the British government does not take sides in the sectarian divide in Northern Ireland. The second, I think more likely, alternative — that he was telling the truth and had left all decisions about the Portadown march to the chief constable — is even worse.
Nearly 40 years ago, when I
was a (conscripted) commissioned officer in the British
army, we devised a slogan to protect ourselves in times of trouble: "through that gap, sergeant! I'm close behind!" This philosophy has been enthusiastically adopted by Sir Patrick Mayhew and his advisers. No issue more immediately confronts a government committed to ending the sectarian war in Northern Ire-land than the Orange parades through Catholic areas. The parades have one purpose only: to intimidate, harass, abuse and mock the Catholic minority. In this sense, the parades are no different to fascist or racist marches

through areas occupied by racial minorities. Such marches were systematically banned in Britain in the early 1980s by that celebrated law and order enthusiast, Marga-ret Thatcher. A secretary of to the police is plainly aban-doning any pretence at politiresponsible and the peace

N Nelson Mandela's discussions with ministers, did he mention Lockerbie

1986 bombing of Pan-Am 103 over Lockerble. The British and US governments have named two Libyans as sus-pects for the bombing, and demanded that the men stand trial in the US or Scotland. The men's lawyers doubt they can get a fair trial in either place, but have agreed instead to a trial in a neutral country under a panel of five judges with a Scottish president. They have also agreed that the trial should be conducted under Scottish legal procedure with Scottish solicitors and counsel. In a radio interview on July 1st, the South African Foreign Minister, Dr Nzo, indicated "fervently" that South Africa would be prepared to host such a trial. This would be specially ap-propriate in the light of the remarkable fact, only recently admitted for the first recently admitted for the first government, that their for-eign minister at the time, Pik Botha, and a huge entourage were booked on Pan Am 103, and switched flights at the last moment. The British government remains obstinate that an agreement to a trial outside Scotland would be, according to Gary Streeter MP. a minister in the Lord Chancellor's department, "to accept the proposition that a trial in Scotland would be unfair". This is absurd. The principle that it may be unfair to hold a trial in the vicinity of a monstrous crime is well-established in English and Scottish law. A public appeal from Mandela to Major might help to pave the way for a trial in South Africa which would bring much relief and comfort to the familles of the Lockerbie victims, and might even finally iden-tify the Lockerbie bombers.

T A recent Hands Off The BBC meeting sub-versively close to BBC Television Centre, Charles Wheeler, the veteran broad caster, asked about the role in the coming cull of jobs and services at the BBC of John Birt's chief lieutenants. He named Tony Hall (chief executive BBC News), Alan Yentob (director of programmes) and Michael Jackson (director of television) all of whom, Wheeler insisted, are essentially programme makers, who might be expected to defend programme-making state who leaves such matters | against all comers. The same applies to Will Wyatt (chie executive BBC Broadcast). cal responsibility. Mayhew Wyatt used to make excellent must go. There would be a secondary, if substantial adtelevision, and once wrote an vantage. We would never again have to put up with this posturing Plaza Toro on the elist, B Traven. The book was television screen urging us. entitled The Man Who Was while the area for which he is B Traven, but what about The Man Who Was Will Wyatt? Is process about which he has been bragging for so long go Hall, going to preside over the up in flames, to "cheer up for dismemberment of public ser-heavens' sake". dismemberment of public ser-vice broadcasting in the interests of a technological battle with Rupert Murdoch and co which they can't afford and did he mention Lockerble? can't win? Will they leave in Not long ago, he wrote to disgust, as Liz Forgan obvi-John Major urging him to ously did from BBC Radio? Or break the deadlock over the | will they stand and fight?

Today, as the Asylum and Immigration Bill returns to the Commons for its final reading, **Hirit Belai** considers the hardship faced by political refugees entering Britain

A final brick in the wall

AST year, as the Government pre-pared to introduce new regulations that would have the effect of cutting social security benefits to asylum-seekers, the Daily Mail announced that the world's refugees saw Britain "as a soft touch with freely available welfare payments and a laborious appeals proce dure". It was a nonsensical Over the last 10 vears. Britain has recoenised

9,000 refugees and allowed an other 45,000 to remain "exceptionally" — an average intake of roughly 5,000 refugees and would be refugees a year. The United Nations High Commisdoner for Refugees estimates that there are now some 20,000 recognised refugees in Brit-ain, 30,000 in Holland, five times that number in France and over a million in Germany.
Under the terms of the Asylum Bill, any asylum-seeker who fails to make an application within three days

of arriving in Britain loses benefit, so do those involved in the lengthy process of ap-pealing against a decision to leny them asylum. This regulation came into effect, in slightly different form, on 5 February but was ruled illegal by the Court of Appeal last month and it has simply been reinstated as an amendment to the present Bill. If the Bill becomes law, there will be at least 8,000 asylum-seekers without benefit, according to the Refugee Council; many of them will be homeless.

A policy that attempts to discourage future asylumseekers by punishing those who are already here doesn't make much sense when mi-gration is overwhelmingly the consequence of insecurity in the country of origin — the attractions of Britain are not a consideration. Besides, previ-ous attempts to tighten visa laws and restrict asylum have made access to Britain so difficult that an underworld of agencies and criminals now thrives on the plight of refu-

gees and other migrants.
"Third Country" restrictions mean that if immigra-tion officers can prove that you stopped anywhere they consider safe en route for the UK, whether it was Orly Airport or a refugee camp in Sudan, they will detain you, either in Queens Building at Heathrow or at Campsfield Prison near Oxford, before deporting you. And under the Carriers' Liability Act of 1993 airlines are fined £2,000 for each passenger they bring to Britain without a valid passport and visa. Both these restrictions were British innovations which other European countries were quick to copy. But refugees are unlikely to have visas and, in Africa, Western embassies are not keen to issue them, which means that the only way out for most people is to bribe

their way on to a plane. This was the case for Sara. an Ethiopian who came here last December seeking political asylum. She had escaped from detention in Sudan to a refugee camp in Kenya where. for three years, "life was hell". In the end, she paid \$3,000 to kept her head despite a volley fighting?"



an agent in Mombasa, who of hostile questions and was provided her with all the paperwork she needed to get Arrivals Project. In due here: a passport, a return ticket, a letter of introduction about a fictitious business trip, typed on the headed notepaper of a well-known international organisation, and the valid visa which these had enabled him to obtain. Without them, she could not have

boarded the plane in Nairobi. On her arrival at Heathrow, she rushed into the first toilets she could find, passing a suspicious looking man near the entrance, shut the door and in compliance with the agent's instructions, tore up the documents she had paid so much for and flushed them down the toilet. She waited for at least an hour before coming out - enough time, she hoped, for her plane to have departed. It would now be very difficult for immigration to trace her to a country of origin and impossible to make a turnaround deportation from Heathrow. The man by the entrance of

her passport and ticket, to

know what flight she had ar-

asylum-seeker, and her mal-nourished, two-year-old daughter to a Hackney bene-fits office. Social security offices in London boroughs are not "attractive" places for people who have just escaped a war. Just as the Carriers' Liability Act means that airlines have to act as immigration officers, the Government expects many of its employees in hospitals, benefit agencies, Homeless Persons Units and schools - to check the immigration status of their clients. Many refuse, but when Mary's number was finally called she faced a repetition of her Heathrow interrogation of the previous week. The DSS officer, whose sole

duties were to examine the

income support and housing

issued to refugees by immigra-

tion, launched into an inquisi-tion. "Why did you leave Libe-

the toilets was still there when she came out. He asked to see and verify the IS96 form

rived on. He led her off to the immigration assembly area. threatening to deport her. She what was your role in the

course she applied for asylum.

panied Mary, a Liberian

Not everyone who comes to

Many members of the Brit-ish public have a different approach. They give money, napples and children's clothes. It is clear to them that Britain seeking asylum is that resolute. Last month I accomthere is a crisis which requires attention. Paradoxically, it is the Car-

riers' Liability Act above all which has led to the proliferation of migration agencies and to what the Home Secretary now denounces as "immigra-tion racketeering" — the ille-gal provision of documentation for people like Sara. Such agencies have mushroomed in Asia, the Middle East, Africa. and even Europe, for the simple reason that vast amounts of money are to be new regulation that the Home

T IS these agencies thriving on restrictive legislation in countries like Britain, that enable the worst abuses of refugees — and asylum proce-dures. In Terminal Three at Heathrow recently, I saw a group of seven Ethiopian children - unaccompanied, disorientated and distressed. They were looking for a corner of the concourse to sleep | Books

without major conflicts, ele-ments of the prosperous middle classes are willing to pay to get their children on a plane to Europe. Most African parents, for example, say they are pessimistic about the stability of their continent. Dropping their children like freight at European airports is hardly a solution. In 1995, 22,500 people from Africa applied for asylum in Britain. The likelihood of their being allowed to stay is slim. In the same period 14,000 decisions were reached, with the result that 80 people — a little more than 0.5 per cent of applicants — were recognised as refugees; a further 2,500 were allowed to remain temporarily. These extraordi-nary statistics are used to antiate official claims that the system is being over-whelmed by "bogus" refugees. In fact, they are a reflec-tion of the Government's "Bogus" and "genuine" are in any case fickle categories. The distinction rests on a refugee being able to demon-strate a "well-founded fear of persecution", the definition given in the 1951 Geneva Convention. Yet there are no clear-cut, objective criteria whereby applicants can

prove, or the Home Office refute, a fear of persecution. Immigration officials tend increasingly to treat all applications as suspect. The process thus becomes thoroughly circular. Tighter legislation means fewer and fewer applicants are recognised as "genuine". The remainder are la-belled "bogus", thereby confirming the need for tighter control, which in turn produces the startlingly low figure for successful applica-tions that the Government can invoke to justify its

policy. Already there is evidence that African countries are following Britain's "tough" stance. If they persist, the consequences will be serious: made by providing an last year, there were 1.8 mil-effective way of complying lion refugees in Zaire and with or circumventing each nearly a million in Sudan. There are many more in the rest of the continent - which of course, makes it hard to explain to someone like Mary why the DSS is loath to part with a £12 crisis loan, or why Britain is legislating refugees out of existence.

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Birdwoman of Bardsey

crash near her home in Buckinghamshire, I had a letter from the ornithologist Susan Cowdy inviting me to join her for a week in September on Ynys Enlli (Bardsey Island) in north Wales. She was nearly 82 and still going ahead with plans and projects with all the brio she had

always put into life. was in connection with Bardsey that I first met Susan some 40 years ago. At the bird observatory, founded in 1953, we had ad-vertised for a voluntary cook to provide our visitors with one cooked meal a day as distinct from our original selfcatering arrangement. So whom did we get? We got this charming lady from Great Missenden, who came for one summer. Then another. Then

Being Susan Cowdy she ry soon elected to the observatory council with observatory council with special responsibility for public relations. She was su-perb: no one I have known had such a gift for spontane-ous friendship, laughter and

She became very attached to Bardsey: its peace, its remoteness out there in the meliness of the sea, its wild beauty, its history as a holy island of the Middle Ages. From girlhood she had been deeply interested in birds ad even ventured down Welsh cliffs on a rope to in-

ogist whose discover

ies on the fluids of the eye and

the brain laid the foundations

ment for glaucoma and hydro-

So on Bardsey she soon got involved in bird-ringing and bird study. And having fallen in love with an island, she then fell in love with one of its special birds. It was the chough, a jackdaw-like bird but more refined, having a handsome curved red beak and smart red legs. Choughs are not at all common. They are exclusive to the mild west, and there are always a few on Bardsey, endearing for their lively musical calls and the way they cavort and play in the air. Susan was to study them for many years not only on Bardsey but in not only on Bardsey but in the west of Ireland and elsewhere her first paper about them appearing in the Bardsey Observatory Report for 1960.

the survival of nature and the countryside were becoming ever greater issues and Susan got deeply involved in conservation, especially in connection with the BBONT, the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Naturalists' Trust, for whom she worked tirelessly for the rest of her life, serving on committees, raising funds, creating nature reserves, giv-ing talks, recruiting members, writing articles and countless letters, and carrying out frequent PR exercise

with superb diplomacy. She also found time for stalwart support for the Council for the Preservation for Rural England and RSPB

NLY a few days under the guidance of Cap-before she was tain HA Gilbert, who lived in tain HA Gilbert, who lived in the Wye valley near Builth Trust for Ornithology, who was the British the Wye valley near Builth Rouse for Ornithology, who

Then, in the late 1970s, she found herself even more involved with Bardsey affairs when the island came up for sale. With a few other determined people she threw herself into a whirlwind of fundraising the money was found in very good time and the island is now safe in the hands of a trust. In 1981 Susan was made MBE in recognition of her services to conservation; and in 1995, she was awarded the Christopher Cadbury Medal by the Royal Society for Nature

Susan Cowdy, though born in Buckinghamshire, had strong Irish and Scottish links. Her husband, the late John Cowdy, came from Ireland and Susan lived five years of her life there. She is survived by three children, Fenella, Eve and Michael. She will be remembered not only by the nature and con-servation world but by those associated with her many other interests such as po-

nies and horses. Our memories will be of her genuine modesty, integrity, her unquenchable en thusiasm, her courage in the face of troubles and above all by her great love of people.

Susan Cowdy, ornithologist, born August 6, 1914; died July 9, 1996



Susan Cowdy . . . keeping a beady eye on birds

Weighty

OHN Chancellor, one | NBC radio station. At that of the dominating fig. ures of American television news, has died aged 68 after a career with the National Broadcasting Company spanning more than 40 years. In that time he had reported major news events across the US and from 50 other countries. He had also had spells as the network's resident correspondent in Vienna and

But it was from 1970 to 1982, when he acted as anchorman for the NBC Nightly News. that he became best-known. Though audience ratings consistently placed him second to CBS's Walter Cronkite, many of his professional peers thought him the better jour-nalist, not least for resisting the pomposity to which Cron-

kite was prone. Chancellor first came to national attention during the 1957 crisis in Little Rock, Ar. kansas, when Governor Orval Faubus mobilised the National Guard to prevent integration of the state's public schools. Chancellor had been diverted from another assignment at the lest minute and ment at the last minute and found himself watching the lone figure of 15-year-old Eliz-abeth Eckford as she ap-proached the Central High school pursued by a mob calling for her to be lynched.

Because her parents were not on the phone, they had not been told of plans for the nine black children, accompanied by local clergymen, to approach the school under police protection. She arrived lone after the others had fled from the threatened violence. The child's dignity during

her ordeal and the restrained horror in Chancellor's voice as he reported the scene made NBC's film a national sensation. It took up 12 minutes of a 15-minute bulletin and the network gave similar time to Chancellor for the rest of the crisis. Southerners started referring to the Nigger Broad-

Renneth Clark writes: Fur-

at Christmas.

this year.

war, brought an unusual

number of old boys togethe

for the annual church ser-

vice, games of cricket and

drinking; Dick Hills was prominent in all these activi-

ies. He will be sadly missed

David Ross writes: In his obituary of Ernest Arm-

strong (July 9). Andrew Roth

mentions that the former

deputy speaker was a quali-

fied football referee. He was also centre-half for his local Stanley United side in the

northern League - making

his debut while still at

He became President of the

Northern League in 1981 and

played a more active part in

that body's affairs upon leav-

ing the Commons in 1987. He

tion, established after the

Hillshorough disaster in

1989. He was happy to attend and speak at meetings of the

FSA throughout the North-

ther to Sid Green's obituary of his fellow comedy writer Dick Hills (July 11), it may be of interest to add a few words about Dick's schoolcasting Company and his life was at times in danger.
This remarkable perfordays at Aske's Hatcham. Dick attended the south Lonmance came from a college dropout attracted to journal don school from 1938, but we ism while serving part-time were all evacuated to Oxted in Surrey for the next five as a 14-year-old copy boy for years. Our excellent, if ec-centric, headmaster E H-Goddard was determined to the Chicago Daily News. He had been born in the city and grew up when it was still heavily controlled by the maintain Aske's traditions despite the war and we mob. His early years on the city's news best were like something out of The Front ended up with our own school building. We were also blessed with the use of Page with young Chancellor the Oxted Barn Theatre (still chasing round for a local radio station in a mock police flourishing), so there were annual plays of Shakespeare car fitted with illegal flashing and Shaw and pantomimes

red light and siren. After the Daily News he After teaching at the moved to the Chicago Sunschool after the war, Dick Times in 1947 and progressed Hills always devoted much time to the Old Askeans, as a steadily through its journalis-tic ranks. But, deciding that rugby and later a golf enthuroadcasting was where the future lay, he joined the city's July 12, 1996. siast. Founder's Day in 1995, celebrating the 50th anniver-sary of the end of the 1939

time, as he later recalled. there were only ten million television sets in the US. However, by 1960, he was working increasingly for tele vision, and was assigned to Moscow in that year. One of his first major reports was on the shooting down of an American U-2 reconnaissance aircraft by Soviet missiles. The following April, Chancel-lor reported a further devel-opment that shocked his countrymen to the core, the first manned space flight by Yuri Gagarin.
The two events showed

plainly how strategically vul-nerable America had become and set the political and mili-tary agenda for the next three decades. It was Chancellor's professional luck to be at just the place where history was unrolling instead of leaving him to do what he did supremely well, his employers brought him back to New York to take over the Today television magazine with a soft format which obviously left him thoroughly uncom-

on air during one edition.

NBC, realising its mistake, sent him to Brussels to cover the emerging of the Common Market and then brought him back to assume the high-exposure job of White House cor. respondent. But President Johnson was becoming increasingly concerned about the quality of the Voice of America broadcasts, still tainted with the blatant propaganda content forced on them during the McCarthy years. He asked Chancellor to take control of the service to establish a more professional news operation. From 1965 he worked there for two years and succeeded in putting the organisation into considera-

bly better shape. On his return he became NBC News chief reporter and spent the next nine years covering the whole range of domestic and foreign news including the Vietnam War, the growing internal dissent surrounding it and, of course. Watergate. His news reports were meticulously accurate and well-observed and his occasional commentaries balanced and judicious. As American television news moved more and more towards show business, he strove to maintain the old journalistic standards. His reward came when he

was named anchorman for the Nightly News in 1980 but he acknowledged after his retirement that he had not found it satisfying.

Harold Jackson

John William Chancellor, jour nalist, born July 14, 1927, died

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Birthdays

mist, 63; Sir Harrison Birtwistle, composer, 62: Ju-lian Bream, guitarist, 63; Geoffrey Burgon, composer 55; Dr Jocelyn Bell Burnell, astronomer, 53: Rosemary Butler, director of statistics Dept of Health, 50; Lord Buxton of Alsa, ITV pioneer, 78; Carmen Callil, co-founder Virago Press, 58; Robert Con-quest, author, 79; John Denham, Labour MP, 43; Sir Simon Gourlay, farmer, for-mer president, NFU, 62; Ron Hadfield, chief constable, West Midlands, 57; Ralph Hammond Innes, novelist, 83: Trevor Horn, record producer and songwriter, 47: was also supportive of the fledgling Tyne & Wear and Teesside branches of the Ann Jellicoe, playwright and director, 69; Kate Kellaway, literary critic, 39; Charles Kelly, chief constable. Staffordshire, 66; Sir Larry Football Supporters Associa-

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Death Notices

FAIRCLOUGH, Gladys (nie Berry), wife of the late Thomas Smith Heaton. Died peachully at home with her daughter and family on July 11th 1996 aged 82 years, A much foved mother and grandmother, Service to be held at Macofestied Crematorium on the 17th July at 2.00m Family flowers only, donations to desired to Adhington United Reform Church, All densitions and Rachel Lomax, permanent secretary, Welsh Office, 51:

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On and on

ELVIS is not reographically DE OUIL

Dayson applied chemistry and mathematics to the understanding of membrane permeability, and of the fluid environment of the eye and the

brain.
He studied the movement of cells, and with Jack Danielli cephalus. His work paved the way for designing drugs to enter or avoid the brain. He was a fluent and prolific writer, whose textbooks have benefited generations of

environment for the networks in and out of living of nerve cells. Highgate general practitioner deduced the nature of the thin He did not excel at University membrane surrounding the College School, where he cell, proposing a model of the membrane that became found the teachers sarcastic and the regime brutal. His known as the 'Dayson-Danfather placed him as a clerk with a firm operating on the ielli" model. Baltic Exchange, where he was extremely bored. After two years he was sacked. He then took a first-class degre in chemistry from University College, graduating in 1981

inside of everyone, except for

Actually, Elvis is neither

alive nor dead but in a realm

of metaphysical probability.

Actually, I heard that he was

living in a trailer park near

Toledo. He is often seen hov-

This is not true at all. I

ering over swap-meets in the

appen to know for a fact that

he is a registered family phy.

sician under the name of D.

Joy in Northern Michigan

He works with my father, and

just the other day gave me an

Elvis was spotted tonight at

Chi-Chi's restaurant in Rock-

served dipping salsa chips into bowls of hot salsa. When

approached him and said,

tilla chios'

Big bang

'Aren't you Elvis?" his reply

was "Not now, I'm eating Tor

The King still lives for many at

alt.Elvis sighting newsgroup.

THE COMPOSER Andrew

Lloyd Webber is throwing his weight behind a plan to cele-

ville, Maryland. He was ob-

examination while singing

Don't be cruel" off-key.

Michael J.Fox.

and in the same year marrying Marjorie Heath — who became a distinguished portrait This was the depth of the Depression, when he needed a regular income, but with no prospect of a job he elected to

studies on the blood-brain bar-

rier. This is the specialised

layer of cells that separates the blood from the brain, and

provides the finely regulated

stay on and do research. A year later he was taken on by biochemistry professor J C free to pursue his research. His experiments on the movement of the small ions, sodium and potassium, across the membranes of red blood cells were published in his first paper in 1834. He then worked for a year with opthalmologist Sir Shuart Duke-Elder devis-Sir Stuart Duke-Elder devising a method for measuring pressure of the vitreous body of the eye — and disproving Duke-Elder's theory that daucoma was called by swell-

ing of the vitreous. Dayson had one of many disagreements with the estab lishment when his paper on glaucoma was at first rejected for publication, the referee not having understood the probm. Davson published several influential papers with Jack Danielli, and in 1936 was awarded a Rockefeller Fellowship to work in the United States on the effects of narcot-Dayson...upset the establishment gransh physiological society

brate the millennium with a

church in the land at noon on

1 January 2000. These would

be preceded by a five minute

peal "of every bell in every belfry in and throughout the

Kingdom", according to a

promotional menu released

last week. There are approxi-

mately 5500 churches with a

ring of five bells or more.

Seven or eight per cent of

these are thought to be un-ringable, but National Lot-

tery money is being made

for them all to be rung at

to be recruited.

available for repairs. In order

once, it is estimated that an-

The Church prepares for the

new millennium. For those

planning to have an extremely

viscious hangover, cotton woo

might be advisable. Reported

YOU choose: A romantic

candlelit dinner for two in

your living room. Dimmed

lights, mellow music, chan

pagne in the fridge, phone off the hook. . .

in the Church Times.

Do it right

other 10,000 ringers will need

15 minute service in every

Applying the brain to the membrane Dayson was the father of ics on membrane permeabilthose of his employer, M H Jacobs, and he was persuaded not to publish them, to his later regret, since he had detected a novel feature of ion

Awarded a Beit Fellowship don in 1937, he developed quantitative methods for measuring the permeabil-ity of barriers between the blood and the fluid compartments of the eye that became standard. His brilliance is documented by the award of a DSc in 1940, only a year after his MSc.

In 1939 Dayson accepted a position at Canada's Dalhou sie University but he returned to wartime England to analyse the effects of nitrogen mustard gas on the eye. Then, as a vi-sual function expert, he worked on night vision, driving tanks and bulldozers through the blackout, guided by infra-red illumination.

OST-WAR, he established the Institute of Ophthalmology with Duke-Elder but left after a year, following differences with him. In 1951, the Medical Research Council helped him set up a laboratory at UCL. With typical punctilisness, he stopped working on the eye, not wishing to set himself up in competition

with his young former col-leagues at the Institute.
This was lucky for brain physiology. Davson turned his interests to the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), being one of the first to apply the newly available radioisotopic methods for studying the movements of molecules in biological systems. For the next 24 years, Dayson and a series of young collaborators established nany of the key mechanis that control the production flow and drainage of the CSF. and together with his close writer; born Nove friend, the neurosurgeon died July 2, 1996.

She thinks: Oh no, I'm walk-

her place and telling her to

relax while you cook. And do

her washing up while you're

You choose: Beers down the

She thinks: He's just a sad git

who wants to prove to all his

mates that he can pull a bird.

where you're both strangers,

and which feels like neutral

territory for both of you to dis-

really trendy eaterie, the sort

of place that serves small por-

tions on hexagonal plates, charges a bomb, and has wait-

resses who look like models.

She thinks: This is too flash.

let him pay it all, I'll feel as

Try: A more seasonable

the nineties man.

can't afford to pay half, but if I

though I owe him something

venue, where she can buy her

share of the nosh without hav-

ing to live on toast for a week.

Annabel Brog in FHM lectures

Try: Taking her to a bar

cover together. You choose: Dinner in a

local boozer with all your

mates drinking nearby.

ing on to the set of a third rate

Try: Bring some food round to

Keasley Welch, introduced methods allowing accurate calculation of the permeability of the blood-brain barrier.

Honours followed his 1976
retirement and he returned as
a Senior Research Fellow to King's College, London, moving in 1984 to an emeritus professorship in the Sherrington School of Physiology. He had adopted a formidable working

discipline early in his academic life, combining daytime esearch with evenings and reckend writing. He pub lished more than 200 re papers, many influential monographs and textbooks, several of which ran to multi-ple volumes and editions. Dayson could not stand pomposity or politicking, and could be direct and rude, a

possible reason for his receive ing more honours abroad than in Britain. However, in the laboratory he was a patient, generous and humorous mentor, leading by example, and many associates and students remained life long friends. His apparently effortless

erudition was the result of an acute intelligence and meticulous reading. He brought the same application to the arts, with deep knowledge and love of Shakespeare — he memo-rised Shakespearean sonnets when stuck in traffic jams with command of severa

He loved the countryside, and attributed his longevity to the 20 mile walks he took from his Devon cottage, carefully planned to arrive at a convenient pub at lunchtime. He was happily married to Marjo-rie until her death in 1994. He eaves a daughter and gaine great pleasure from his grand children and great grandchildren.

Hugh Davson, physiologist and writer: born November 25, 1909;

Hair today

IN THE run up to the compe tition. I was like an athlete. I vas hanging upside down three times a day, getting reg ular head massages, and wouldn't eat or drink anything after six o'clock. You have to be prepared to make sacrifices to achieve results. In his best Harris tweed and knife-crease Farahs, 51-yearold James Oldham makes an unlikely Olympian (unless hedge trimming is a recognised event at Atlanta this summer). But his singleminded, exacting and frankly weird training regime has prepared him for a world title

of his own. James Oldham is a finalist in the International Hair Grower of the Year Championship. The competition, organised by the Hair Growers' Club, and held at London's Savoy Hotel, was open to anybody who had turned their barren pate into a cranial jungle. He did 30 on to become International Hair Grower of the Year due to his hairline having moved forward two centimetres and his bald

patch had shrunk to half its size and he walked away with a cheque for £10,000. What a clever man. Maxim reports on the Olympics for slapheads.

Big meal

THERE has been a recent controversy among animal rights activists and Madonna fans regarding her mentioning that she eats fole gras.



Maxim . . . slaphead Olympics

Now, before I go on, I must make it clear that I had no idea what foie gras was. I didn't even know of the existence of such a thing before Madonna talked about it. I garnered from a fellow fan that it is made out of ducks or chickens, etc and they are force fed beyond the point of becoming obese for the purpose of enhancing their flavour. Then they are slaughtered and served in fine restaurants to heartless cold-blooded pigs such as Madonna. Now I don't know how the animals that she eats feel,

Lamb, former editor, 67;

Prof Brenda Milner, neuro-

but I think that if I were one of them, I would feel honoured. Actually I don't think there's a word in the English language to describe the ironic elation I would feel to be bestowed with this pleasure. Think about it. I would he feeding, sustaining, revitalising the world's spiritual saviour. I cannot hope to think of any greater ecstasy

Unfortunately, this will

never be possible as I am not a duck, a chicken, a cow, a fish. or any other such beast of the earth. Therefore, I am asking Madonna to put herself

through a metamorphosis unimaginably more breathtaking than anything she has ever done in the past. I am asking Madonna to become a cannibal for once in her lifetime. If she is indeed willing to experiment in the avantgarde, she will at least give this proposal a fair hearing. I volunteer myself, my whole body, and she can throw my bones to her dog. I will be locked in a small cage and force-fed until her chefs deem me ready. They will then prepare me in the proper fashion. I will be eaten, piece by piece, by the goddess herself, and my remnants will then be digested and absorbed into the body of the almighty, and my purpose in this life will be complete.

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Emily Sheffield

Misplaced nostalgia for years of turpitude Politicians hoist on fifties noose



Larry Elliott

AROLD Macmillan a such a figure of hate in the modern Conservative Party that the idea of stealing his most famous bon mot is probably anathema to the new right. But sooner or later the temptation will

prove irresistible.
Until now, a vestigial sense of decency has prevented any minister from uttering the fateful phrase, but be warned, before the next few months are out the dread words will be spoken: "You've never had it so good."

Kenneth Clarke is the likeliest Cabinet minister to spread the news, and not just because he is one of the few Tories with a good word to say for Supermac. He sin-cerely believes it and is genu-inely perturbed that his economic achievements — the lowest interest rates for a generation, the lowest inflation for 40 years, the fastest-growing large economy in Europe have yet to be reflected in the polls.

More than that, the Chan-cellor thinks Britain is on the brink of something big, a level of achievement not witnessed for a good many years. Not since the glory days of Harold Macmillan, in fact.

Actually, it is not just in economic policy that there is a palpable longing to return to what is seen as a kinder. gentler age. The whole of government policy is alive with fifties nostalgia — witness the call for the return of grammar schools and the three Rs, the notion that all the NHS needs is fewer accountants and more Hattle Jacques figures in starched matrons' uniforms and a harsher edge to

penal policy.

Nor is this search for the stability and security of a bygone age confined to the Gov vest and rethink, but through ernment. John Major may a mixture of complacency and look back wistfully to the days when Jim Laker and Tony Lock were in tandem at the Oval, bowling them out for Surrey and England, but Labour's emphasis on rights and responsibilities also conjures up mental images of the days of consensus and moral

As such, Labour argues that the state's duty is to take people off welfare and into work, thereby releasing funds for more useful categories of spending. In return, though, parents should take responsi-bility for their children, while neighbours should be neighbourly and not play rock music until four in the

morning.
In some ways the nostaglia is easy to comprehend. From the vantage point of the insecure nineties they are seen as the days of plenty, when Brit-ain had full employment, ris-ing living standards and low levels of crime. By contrast, Britain's role as the under-the rash of terrible, almost achiever of the West is very unforgettable sy unspeakable crimes in the much reflected in the popular ties: the noose?

chy and where the line between right and wrong has all but disappeared for large chanks of a feckless, amoral inpulation.

problems with this thesis, not least that we are a totally degenerate nation, turned bad the permissive society or by the permissive society of Mrs Thatcher (depending on your point of view).

If the moral judgment is troublesome, so are the eco-nomics. While a return to the full employment consensus of Burskellism is long overdue, the reality is that the fifties With a wasted decade. True, there was growth and

full (male) employment, but the West Britain's comparative economic performance was worse in the 1950s than in any post-war decade, as the precipitous decline in the share of world trade in manufactures shows conclusively. In 1950, a quarter came from British factories; by 1964 the figure had dropped to 14 per

A recent book, Government versus the Market (Roger Middleton: Edward Elgar, £75) underlines how poor the

A decade that was culturally barren, authoritarian and suffused with repressed violence

economy's performance was at that time. Britain's growth rate was only 58 per cent of the OECD average between 1950 and 1960, compared with 1973, and 65 per cent between 1973 and 1979. Of 16 OECD countries, Britain ranked 16th in the fifties, 13th in the sixties and a creditable 10th in the much-vilified 1970s. Only part of this can be at

tributed to catching up by nations devastated by the second world war. The UK had the chance to retool, reinmilitary over-reach it tossed away the opportunity. Harold Wilson was right in 1964 to talk about 13 wasted years; the problem was that his attempt to break out of a lowgrowth, low-productivity cycle with the National Plan

came at least 10 years too late. The sad fact is that Britain lived off its fat during the 1950s. Global reconstruction meant that exporters did not have to try very hard, and they didn't. Product innovation was

poor, investment was slug-gish, and far too much research and development was wasted on the military and white elephants such as nuclear power stations. Meanwhile, the Germans, the Japanese and the French were concentrating on washing machines, TVs, cars and cameras: goods that the new generation of consumers actu-ally wanted.

past week has left the impres-sion of a lawless society tee-tering on the brink of anar-ment and unions consuring against Alec Guinness's inven tor in the Ealing comedy. The Man in the White Suit: it ended with Terry-Thomas's louche ex-army personnel manager and Peter Sellers's But there are some big bolshie trade unionist in I'm All Right, Jack,

As with the Government's crowing about its handling of the economy, it is possible to make the fifties look good, but only by British standards and in the light of what has hap-pened subsequently. Certainly there was no

sense, as the sixties dawned, that the fifties had been a golden age. Rather, there was soul-searching as politicians scoured the world for the elixir of faster growth. Again, growth everywhere else in this should give pause for thought. The one reason the fifties has attained its exalted status is that the economy is seen to have worked; strip that away and you are left with a decade that was culturally barren, socially authori-tarian and suffused with repressed violence.

Our images of the fifties are of the Coronation and of the conquest of Everest, but it was also an era in which ho mosexuality was banned back-street abortionists flour ished, the Lord Chamberlain censored the theatre, women were left to stew at home while the male breadwinner brought in the family wage. racism was rempant and teen age boredom was manifested

in teddy-boy violence.
The one positive thing that can be said about the fifties in social policy, particularly is that it was the necessary precursor to the 1960s. It was no accident that the subsequent revolution in attitudes was spearheaded by all the groups that had been margin-alised or repressed in the fifties - women, blacks, the

young gays.
Britain in the 1990s bas some disquieting echoes of the fifties. There is the same complacency about an economy still suffering from under-investment, and the same willingness to impose a top-down Daily Express-style morality on the populace.
This is dangerous territory,

and not just because we are not being offered full employment and egalitarianism as social cement. Politicians make easy political capital out of attacking trendy teachers and single mothers because they are struggling to come up with answers to the big economic questions. Here the fifties experience tells us little, unless we are prepared for a rightwing agenda that would force women back into the home and take the logic of the recent rightward drift in

ical conclusion. Sadly, this is not unthinkable any more. Come the election. Mr Clarke's mini-consumer boom may have created an aura of prosperity in the way that Macmillan's "candy-floss summer" of 1959 clawed back Gaitskell's lead during the sluggish year of 1958. But if that is not enough to turn the tide — and it probably won't be — how better to woo back voters than by offering a referendum on the return of that unforgettable symbol of the fif-



Two ways of going for Olympic gold

Barcelona -v- Atlanta contest on Games financing shows Keynes as a clear winner, says ANDY ROBINSON

tions, Chuck Ruth-eiser recalls in his new book, Imagineering Atlanta (Verso), the city council marketing director had a

oright idea.
Why not find corporate sponsors for the city's streets. parks and neighbourboods and rename them? "Look, we need the money; I don't see any difference in us taking money from Coke and renaming the street Coca-Cola Boulevard, and Michael Jordan wearing a Nike hat on the

The proposal was turned down, not so much because Atlanta's Olympic organisers felt there was anything wrong with a Coca-Cola Street or a Pepsi Park. Rather, "it opened up the frightening prospect of 'ambush marketing by corporate rivals of the official Olympic sponsors",

Three years on, Atlanta's street names may be the same but you would be lucky to find them among the bill-boards jostling for urban space with 3-D corporate logos and hospitality tents.
From the start, Billy Payne,
the real estate lawyer who
heads the Atlanta Olympic

Committee, has added a parenthesis to the city sjogan "Come share our dream". It reads: "No white elephants, no public debt." There are almost four times as many corporate sponsors for 1996 Olympics as law and order policy to its log-

URING Atlanta's for Barcelona '92, providing Olympic prepara | \$500 million (£325 million) of the \$1.7 billion spent on staging the event.

Whereas Barcelona announced proudly that the state would pick up the tab for 70 per cent of the \$6 billion investment in urhan develop ment, sports installations and infrastructural works considered an integral part of the Olympic project. Atlanta includes only \$500 million of building costs in its Olympic budget, all covered privately.

HE 1996 Games' one lasting "gift to the people of Atlanta", as Mr Payne put it, is the Centennial Olympic public park, built on a 25-acre site previously made up of shel-iers for the homeless, and small factories.

Well, "park" in the loosest sense of the word. There are a few tufts of grass, a six-storey Coke bottle and a cluster of sponsor tents. Business paid Olimpica, where 2,000 new for most of the park, business apariments and twin towers will do what it wants with it. Nor is the "park" all that "public". There will be restricted entrance during the Games, "to keep out the riff-raff", says the Olympic Committee. Afterwards, Rutheiser can envisage only one scenario: middle- and upperincome housing.

In Europe, especially in Spain, where the Maastricht criteria still taste like the bicarbonate after too many heavy meals in 1992, Atlanta

questionable, but can we eally afford culture? Spain's budget deficit rose from 4 to 7 per cent of GDP between 1992 and 1993 as the Olympic and Expo '92 bills arrived just as the economy slowed.

That is until you look at the two cities. Take parks and public spaces. Bercelona increased its green areas by 50 per cent under the Olympic urban strategy and placed pub-lic parks in 150 neighbour-hoods. A sea-view promenade replaced the old docks, and 19 miles of coastline were cleaned up and turned into beaches, generally used by Barcelona's low-income families (the well-off head for the Costa Brava). A ring road was built around the city, which took traffic out of the centre and brought strollers back to the boulevards Paseo de Gra-cia, Rambla de Catalunya. And

not one Rambia de Reebok. Public investment was crucial, says Oriol Bohigas, the socialist architect known as the council's "enlightened despot". But so were strict controls on how private capital could be spent. In the Villa overlook a yacht marina and the new heaches strict norms on zoning, building density and height enabled the social ist council to keep things more or less under control.

Barcelona's secret does seem to be a combination of Mr Bohigas's aesthetic despotism and the city's first democratic urban plan, drawn up by the socialist council in 1981.

The plan created the frame work around which public

looks like good, American fis-cal rectitude. Aesthetically questionable, but can we port Mr Bohigas, an architect who had led the resistance to cheap-skate housing and property sharks under Franco, ensured that the planning and aesthetic norms were not bent too far by business interests or dubious pop-

> UT there was a big difference compared with Atlanta. In Bar celona, the city mobilised the multinationals around the Games. In Atlanta, things appear to have been the other way around.

The economic consequences of the Barcelona Games were unexpectedly Keynesian. The impact of the public works was about \$21 billion between 1987 and

cil. The University of Georgia puts the economic impact of Atlanta at \$5 billion. The Barcelona council argued: "It seems likely that the effects of the Olympic Games mitigated the effects of the 1993 recession." The 30 per cent devaluation of the pessta helped, too. Unemployment in the city is 4.5 points below the rate for Spain as a whole.

GDP, according to the coun-

Ecofin and the Europe Commission do not like the economics one bit. But the people of Barcelona seem to. The socialists increased their vote and won in Barcelona in the March elections despit being heavily defeated in all the other big Spanish cities. Andy Robinson is a journalist on Cinco Dias, the Spanish fi-nancial daily newspaper

Indicators

tories (May). GER: Current account (Apr). GER: Trade belance (Apr). TOMORROW — US: CPI (Jun).
US: Industrial production (Jun).
US: Real parnings (Jun).
FR: GDP (Q1).

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If only all forecasters were this accurate...

BOB EGERGTON, a busi-Dnessman based in Plymouth, has won the Economics

for the second time.

His first victory was in 1992

and he used the prize champagne to celebrate another important event that year: his marriage. Then, Mr Egerton's anticipation of sterling's devaluation in 1992 after Black Wednesday was uniquely carmy among en-trants, gaining him critical extra points.

In winning the 1996 compe-

tition, it was pessimism about UK economic growth that boosted his score. He got full marks for forecasting GDP growth in 1995 of 2.5 per cent. He was also very close in his estimates for four of the remaining five economic indi-cators which made up the



Financial editor Alex Brummer gives Bob Egerton the prize

answers were: seasonally ad- 1995 (2.22).

competition, but admitted | justed unemployment in De himself that his guess for base lending rates at the end of 1995 was a wild one at 10 per cent compared to the actual level of 6.5 per cent.

The omber (2,340,000); underlying cember (2,340,000); underlying the comber (2,340,0 The remaining correct change rate on December 31,

Married to the mob market

Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson

ILARIOUS-sounding American threats last week to arrest British and Canadian businessmen for the heinous crime of trading with Cuba ought to surprise no one who has observed Brother Yank's recent excursions into vhat may be termed "regu latory imperialism".

With two thirds of world trade in dollars and 99 per cent of dollar deals clearing through New York, our transatlantic friends have taken it upon themselves argument, the economic case to supervise most of the world's business. Of course, the Cuba em-

bargo is a special case, its | Washington to push off, force a tribute to the endur- | But Britain itself is hardly ing power of organised crime. The "confiscated assets" were mainly owned by gangsters and mafiosi from the US mainland.

Should anyone feel that perhaps Castro is a bit of a swine, they ought to bear in mind his great achievement in shutting down the mob's very own client state. Elsewhere, the hid to be-come world financial regu-

lator is prosecuted by intel-ligence officers, under-employed since the cold war's end, and by business interests keen to ensure the deregulated global market is not so deregulated as to threaten their own position.

It would be nice, as suggested by the Financial liberties' implications not Times last Friday, to tell so serious.

immune to the temptations of carving out a world-policing role for itself. Last week's report from the Serious Fraud Office, for example, listed 21 Investigations in progress here, using draconian talk-orise powers. These powers were justified on the grounds that fraud had become a national emergency. Now, we claim jurisdiction over any fraud happening

to pass through London. In other words, we may not be able to keep order on our council estates, but can stamp out money-laundering on the Cook Islands.

This frenetic Batman and Robin activity would be amusing were the civil



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INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

More is better when it comes to MPs' pay

BRIEFING/In theory, legislators should be paid even more than they believe their jobs are worth. SARAH RYLE explains

ated by politicians' selfawarded 26 per cent pay rise (eat out those hearts, train drivers), there is an economic case for the increase. This has little to do with the

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rule of supply and demand in its pure form.

Britain has more politicians per capita than many of our nearest European neighbours and there is a case for

reviewing this situation. If anything, we have a glut of politicians, whose salaries should therefore be reduced, not raised. The economic argument for

paying MPs more than the market-clearing wage is based on the efficiency-wage theory. This boils down to the belief that good workers are hard to come by and once found are worth hanging on to. Conversely, if you pay peanuts then you get monkeys.

The electorate, as the employer, knows that it can fill the Commons by paying a basic wage of £34,000 because that is what most MPs were earning when they stood for election. It is possible that sufficient political bottoms

TITING to one side the could have been found to fill the benches at less than that the benches at less than that
— say £30,000 — because
people become MPs for all sorts of reasons besides the remuneration.

But by paying a wage of \$43,000 we could create a

There is a moral hazard as workers put in the least effort which they can get away with

more efficient legislature. We could get more from our representatives by paying them more than they would be prepared to work for.

There are two main reasons for this. The first is to tempt high-quality candidates to do the job and then keep them. The efficiency-wage theory argues that if wages are too low then the most productive workers will take their tal-

ents elsewhere. The second reason is to deter shirking. There is a moral strong.

hazard in any job as each worker is theoretically tempted to put as little effort in as he or she can get away with. If being "caught slack-ing" and so being sacked from a party post or losing an election means an MP stands to lose more money than he or she could earn in another job, there is an incentive to work If this holds good for MPs, however, then it also applies

to other public servants such as teachers, who earn an average £18,375 a year after five years' service. The Govern-ment has expressed concern about teaching standards, so it ought to back an efficiency wage for them. Nurses, too, would benefit because fewer would be tempted out of the NHS and into private work. There is also a supply and demand case — which does not apply to MPs — for boosting these workers' wages, particularly in the case of nurses.

It is not surprising that these groups are enraged by what they view as the hypocrisy of politicians voting themselves a massive pay rise while capping others' at 3 per cent. MPs will not have to find any of their pay rise from efficiency savings or have it linked to productivity gains. But, aside from the moral

for a consistent approach is

Weld proves master of Irish classics

Lady Carla flops behind Dance Design in Irish Oaks. Graham Rock reports

Dance Design in the Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks at The Curragh yesterday.

The 9-2 winner gave Dermot Weld, who trains close to the course, a double in the Irish middle-distance Classics, following his success with Za-greb in the Budweiser Derby

a fortnight ago.
Pat Eddery set out to make the running on the 2-1 on favourite Lady Carla, who seemed to be going easily in the lead until the field approached the straight, where she was unmediately chal-

lenged by Key Change.
Passing the two-furlong marker both Shamadara, whom Gerard Mosse had in third place, and Dance Design, held up by Mick Kinane towards the rear, improved to

Lady Carls was the first to weaken, quickly followed by Key Change, and in a desper-ate battle to the line Kinane proved stronger than Mosse, and forced his filly to the front at the post to win by a

Key Change finished two lengths behind in third, with Lady Carla two and a half eway. The stewards held an inquiry into possible interference between the first two inside the final furlong, but the result was swiftly confirmed. Despite a long-standing association with Weld, Kinane had rejected Zagreb in favour of Dr Massini in the

ADY CARLA: run-away winner of the Epsom Oaks, finished ployed his mount's speed to ployed his mount's speed to perfection to land the £118,700

first prize.
Weld has dominated Irish racing in recent years, and has proved himself one of the world's leading trainers. "I'm ecstatic," he said. "I don't know any other word to use

to describe how I feel."

Dance Design had not run
beyond 10 furlongs until yesterday, and Weld admitted
that he had harboured doubts
about his winner's stamina.

"The delighted that Michael "I'm delighted that Michael was on her for the second half of the double," he added. "He gave the filly a superb ride. We didn't train her early in

the year.
"It was a wet, cold spring and I have always believed that fillies tend to do better from the summer onwards. She's done us proud. We'll give her a nice break now and then have a look at the autumn."

Henry Cecil could not explain Lady Carla's lack-lustre run. Refuting rumours that his filly had problems with her wind, he said: "You don't run them in this kind of race unless they're 100 per cent." Nor could Eddery not account for his mount's defeat "It was a nice, easy pace, but at the three-furions pole I

trouble." Peter Savill's Raphane. wearing blinkers for the first time, beat Neveda by a length and a half to win the Omni Irish Racing Club Curragh

could not get away from them, and I knew we were in



Two line whip . . . the victorious Mick Kinsme and Dence Design (right) battle out the Irish Oaks with Gerard Mosse and Shamadara

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He has five days to appeal. help him concentrate," ex-plained Savill. "We will prob-ably step him up a furlong to six in the Richmond Stakes." Peter Chapple-Hyam had a miserable day. Camporese lot suspended for four days

Boy finished first in the Prix Eugene Adam, but was dis-qualified and placed third, with his jockey Sylvain Guli-

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Despite having to race

wide and losing ground going into the first turn, Jerry Bailey's mount raliled from seventh to lead at the top of the straight, going on to a three and a half lengths victory over Dra-matic Gold, with Eltish, the former Henry Cecil runner, a neck away third.

Cigar — whose winning streak started in October, 1994, and has taken in nine different tracks and two different hemispheres also reached another American record by taking his career earnings to \$8,819,815, and will attempt to stretch his sequence to a record 17 in the Pacific Classic at Del Mar on August 10.

August 10.
Owned by Allen Paulson and trained by Bill Mott, Cigar carried 9st 4lb — 8lb to 14lb more than any of his opponents. Bailey lauded his mount by saying: "He worked through the stretch and fought off a pice horse. and fought off a nice horse. Conceding that much weight, it was a spectacular

effort."
Mott said: "If all goes well in the Pacific Classic. then maybe a couple of races in New York before the Breeders' Cup. We would like to be the first to win back-to-back Breeders' Cup Classics.

Little wonder that he has been hailed as the saviour for the flagging American racing industry.

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More money for Tregaron

TREGARON has been the falls at small Queensland subject of further heavy meetings. support for the Schweppes Golden Mile at Goodwood on August 1.

Reg Akehurst's five-yearold is now 5-1 clear favourite from 7-1 for the £75,000 handicap with Ladbrokes, who have also clipped Almuhimm a point to 7-1 second tavourite.

Ladbrokes's Colden Mile betting: 5-1 Tregaron, 7-1 Al-muhimm, 11-1 Insattable, 14-1 North Song, Missile, Gold Spate Polinger, P. C. Spats, Polinesso & Strazo, 16-1 Crumpion Hill. Bend Wavy, Tertium, Hidden Oasis and

Woman jockey Fleidi McNeich, 24, was killed when her mount, Little Cavalier, fell at Warwick, while David Wilkes died after emergency surgery had been performed following his fall at Toowoomba.



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Austin puts on the brake with a touch of innuendo

There is, after all, no substi-tute for experience.

It was, as the Lancashire captain Mike Watkinson said afterwards, an all-round team performance on a cracking new pitch—one that will be used for the Test next year— in a match that lacked a defin-

From it all, though, Graham Gooch and his matchadjudication panel found a
Gold Award winner. Slice Ian
Austin in half and there
would be Lancashire written
through him like a stick of
rock. He is a burly, jaunty but
slightly dumpy fellow with
the rolling gait and ruddy
complexion of a stoker on a
merchant steamer. His neck

merchant steamer. His neck goes straight up the back of his hat, too. All in all he makes for an unlikely hero.

This is a good cricketer, though, good enough, were it not for the rigorous fielding demands of the international opeday game, to be a conone-day game, to be a con-tender for England. He bounces in like a beach ball along the sands at Southport and bowls a decent, honest-to-goodness medium pace with no outward menace but full of

Probing and plugging away, Austin's cats are skinned by means other than pace. Then put a bat in his hand and he biffs with vigorous left-hand-edness and enough skill to be capable of a century.

Saturday was his day and to him fell the honour of con-cluding the match, when he beat Tony Penberthy's lastditch heave and rearranged his furniture. It was his and he had conceded only 21 runs — exemplary stuff on such a good pitch.

But his best work was done at the start of the Northamp tonshire innings when they set off in pursuit of 246, a tantalising target betwixt and between a stroll and the

unassailable From the bowlers it required a cool head and the capacity to cope with the World Cup-style fielding restrictions. Austin responded wonderfully well, having David Capel caught at the wicket and bowling Alan Fordham off the under-edge inside his first four overs, eventually completing a seven-over spell that cost measly seven runs. The dam-

age was done. Had Northampionshire got off to a flier, the momentum would possibly have carried them to victory. Instead they were always under pressure to catch up. They tried, first

ANCASHIRE retained the Benson and Hedges Cup here because they had the nous and nerve to survive what became a frenetic game that swayed this way and that that swayed this way and that the sixth wicket added 52, like a Saturday-night drunk. There is, after all, no substitute for experience.

Wicket in his first over, Later the sixth wicket added 52, Kevin Curran, living life on the wire, contributing 35 and Tim Walton 28.

But, though there were signs that the pressure was beginning to tell on Lanca-shire, Watkinson never relin-quished control. "We knew that, if we bowied well, then our total was prefer to defen in a match that lacked a definitive performance with the bat and where any number of promising partnerships failed to come to fruition.

From it all, though, Granton Gooch and his match. game out of Northampton-

shire's reach.
Lancashire were stilled by Curtly Ambrose at the start and he ripped out his first five overs for three runs. Then John Emburey, whose haircut now resembles an Edgbaston Test pitch, slotted into his old armchair at the Pavilion End and peeled off

his 10 overs for 39. The Lancashire innings was given momentum, as it so often is, by Neil Fairbrother, who clumped the ball with gusto, scampered his runs and made 63 from 70 balls before he charged Capel and

At the award ceremony Bob Willis, a master of caremonies straight from the under-card at the York Hall in Bethnal Green, referred to him as the "Manic Midget".

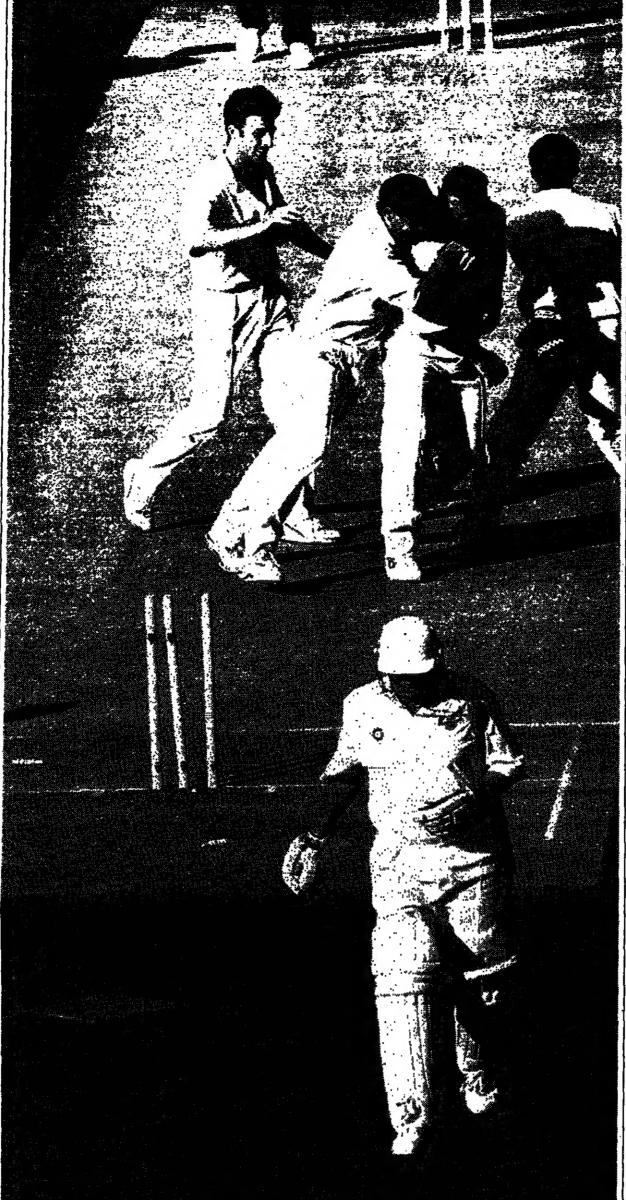
It was, apparently, a new so-briquet. Willis will be spend-ing some time in the High Court this week as a witness in the Ian Botham-Allan Lamb-Imran Khan libel case. If Fairbrother's look could have sued the former England captain would be advised to take out a

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Dying Embers . . . Austin is mobbed by Lancashire team-mates after bowling Emburey

Brown and Hollioake cut loose to launch Surrey to the top of the Sunday League

SURREY leapfrogged after rain intervened be-over Middlesex and iween innings. They set kent, who both lost, to the top of the Sunday League gusto and reached 162 for Thorpe made an untropyesterday after beating Worcestershire on a faster scoring rate at The Oval:

Surrey restricted Worcestershire to a modest 175 vice-captain Adam Holsive defeat when they were and then had that target lioake, who struck four beaten by seven wickets at revised to 157 from 34 overs sixes and three fours in an Grace Road.

gusto and reached 162 for two off 24 overs.

Thorpe made an untrou-bled 36 not out.

two off 24 overs.

Alistair Brown, who hit 55 off 39 balls including 10 fore yesterday's games, suffered their second successions.

cess. The West Indian allrounder produced career-best bowling figures of five for 37. He followed that with a superb unbeaten 92 off 94 balls with nine fours and was denied the chance of a century only when his fourth-wicket partner Gre-

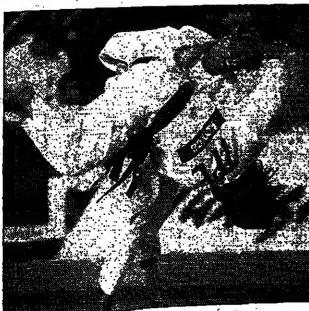
Leicestershire can thank | gor Macmillan hit a four | to 143 all out in 36.2 overs.

Phil Simmons for their suc- | and a six off successive de- | A brilliant undefeated Kent, who began the day
in second place, slipped to
an unexpected defeat by 22 runs against Gloucestershire at Moreton-in-Marsh. innings at 219 for four at The champions, having the close, leaving England

restricted the home side to needing 311 off a minimum 165 for seven, then slumped of 100 overs today.

Olympic Games

Rendle sets out for a real gold



Thrown over . . . Rendle's power destroys an opponent

Peter Michols HERE is not a great incli-

nation among sensible people to tell Sharon Rendle when to do anything.
So, when people in British
judo started pushing for
younger blood on the team, Rendle, approaching the vet-eran stage, took it personally. Rendle was a fighter with-out equal among the feather-weights. She is 5ft lin and 1151b but that weight is so purposefully distributed that few in the 52kg class could

contain her on the mat. She twice won world championships, in 1987 and 1989, and took the 52kg title at the 1988 Olympics. It was a goldless crown as women's judo was a demonstration sport, but it hallmarked Rendle as the There was a European

Championships victory in 1990, a silver in the 1991 World Championships and an Olympic bronze at Barcelona to put on the mantlepiece at - and then Rendle, by her own exemplary stan-dards, went off the boil:

When the European Championships came around last year in Birmingham, Rendle's star was in such decline that training and she was not selected for Brit said Rendie.

ain. Following her victory in the British Open, Debbie Al-lan was given the place. But Allan never got to Birmingham and Rendle seized the chance to restore her reputa tion. She took bronze and four months later was Britain's came back with bronze. only medallist - another "I came back to the club.

bronze - at the world cham-pionships in Japan. This It's in a rough area — they set the hall on fire occasionally. spring she wiped off the last speck of rust from her reputa-The vicar was there, every-body was there and a little tion with a fine victory at The six-year-old, Caroline Bulli-Hague in the European vant, asked to see my medal. I showed her the bronze, then Championships she showed me a tiny medal If it was a hard haul back, Rendle is not used to the easy

she had recently earned. It was silver. "There," she said, "I'm better than you." life. She grew up in back-to-backs in Coltman Street, Hull. Her father John had polio at The following year Rendle won ber first world champi-14 and was invalided; her onship and became, by her own admission, "clever and younger sister Joanne is mentally handicapped. The young cocky". It did not go down well at the club and the world Rendle was profoundly deaf in one ear but was taken to the local karate club to bechampion was back to cleaning out the minibus.

After Seoul and demonstracome a member. It was full and Rendle, thinking judo was the same thing, joined that club instead. tion gold the town turned out

to welcome her back. Rendle By the time she was 14 Renwas in a team of champions; Ann Hughes, Karen Briggs and Diane Bell had won dle had earned her first international trip and jude had taken hold. In 1983, though, her mother Brenda died. everything between them ex-cept a real Olympic gold. "After that I put on weight. I Bell, in the Atlanta squad at

She moved in with her so many of the women's team coach Terry Alltost and his wife Jenny in Grimsby. The move settled her and her was dumped by the British Judo Association. 'It was like a death," Rendle said. career progressed. That same year she went to her first Rendle was luckier than some; she had always had her world championships and

own coach in the background It was a year later, when liv-ing with Alltoft, that Rendle and Bell determined to find a flat of their own. Rendle has no doubt that Bell has been good for her. The "partnership" has given the double world cham-

pion the platform for the single goal that has eluded her and British judo for 32 years: Olympic gold it will be her third and last Games and Grimsby will be expecting: her club, her coach, the Body Studio, the downtown gym that has offered Rendle free facilities for more than eight years, the people in the street If I go back and lose — which I won't — they will still say 'well done, lass'."

Rendle aproaches the most important week of her sporting life with surprising equanimity. Fearsomely tenacious on the mat, she is articulate off it and only the rounded muscle of shoulders that could wrestle a small bull was working as a dental file, was to become instrunurse, being a housewife and
iraining and I couldn't cope,"
but first, in 1993, the coach
raining and I couldn't cope,"
Roy Inman, who had tutored baven't seen my sisters."

Imran faces Botham in **Royal Courts**



HREE years ago after his ball-tampering accusations in the

public prints, the plaintiff and Pakistan bowler Sarfraz Nawaz withdrew from his case in its fourth day at the High Court just as an immaculately tied and sober-suited ian Botham was about to be called to play his innings

for the defence.

One sensed then, however, that the courtroom caper between proud, boldly stubborn men still had some mileage left in it — and sure enough the modern opera's sequel to all intents begins again this morning in Room 13 of the Royal Courts of Justice, the plot changed this time only inasmuch as it is Botham and Lamb who are suing for libel and the defendant is the most famous Pakistan cricketer of all, imran Khan.

For purely legal buffs, too, it is a battle of heavyweights. The questing bouncers could be hostile. Imran will be, he

says, "vigorously represented" by George Carman QC, master of the put-down. Botham and Lamb field just as compelling a libel silk in the colourfully ironic Charles Gray, QC. The match is expected to last a fortnight and England's Test match against Pakistan in the same city next week will have to be a corker even to compete for headline space.

The combined costs of the action could exceed £500,000 and, although Botham and Lamb are bringing separate actions, they have significantly chosen to sue Imran personally rather than seek damages from the newspapers in India and England which printed his allegations.

The core of the matter may be ball-tampering — picking the seam and gouging the ball for a swing bowler to gain advantage — but this case promises much more than estimony on such arcane erodynamic mysteries as are

covered by Law 42 of cricket.
This bewigged battle might
only be missing sex (although
do not count on that either). for there should be lashings of other things over the next two

Botham and Lamb allege that Imran, who had admitted in his authorised biography that he had tampered with the hall in his time - even using a bottle-top to gouge it when he was playing for Sussex during 1981 — said in subsequent interviews that it was common practice and that

"the biggest names in English cricket have all done it". At which, of course, the biggest name in English cricket demanded an apology and, when that was not forthcoming, buckled on his charcoal-grey suit and prepared to ride down to the High Court.

Botham, in his autobiography, answered Imran's charges: "With hand on heart I can categorically state that never once have I done anything illegal with a cricket ball. Unlike lınran I have never lifted the seam. I have never scratched the surface of the ball and I have never gouged one with a

bottle-top. But the nub of the action is an interview given by Imran to the magazine India Today in which he said: "It's the English media and a section of cricketers who have blown it [tampering] out of all proportion" and that "there is a lot of racism here . . . where is this hatred coming from:"

In the long interview Imran said such cricketing people as Christopher Martin-Jenkins, Tony Lewis, an England captain in the Seventies, and another former Test allrounder Derek Pringle — "all took his own rational view about tampering being as old as the game itself and the need to pass firm enforceable legislation about it. "Look at the others, Lamb, Botham and Trueman." he stated. "The difference in class and upbringing makes a difference."

At which Botham, in his best-selling memoir, leaped on to his high horse, claymore swirling and writs flying -- "I notice Imran referred to us by our surnames. I notice also that Imran went to Oxford. If an Oxford education tells you that it's all right to cheat, then give me Buckler's Mead Secondary Modern School any time."

•HIS morning a judge announces "Play!" Then, doubtless, most is admissible from that long-ago throwaway line about holidaying mothers-in-law in Pakistan to transcripts of the Botham-Lamb cabaret roadshow Beef & Lamb Stew. pastoral Parks all of 22 summers ago that Botham, gawky Somerset rookie on his first-class debut, opposed for the first time the princely

young Pathan Imran, captain of the university. Imran made the top score with 20 and took nought for 58. Botham bowled three overs (nought for 10) and made two. True greatness was to embrace them both, these two

flercely uncompromising warriors — and as they were in flannels, so they are in bespoke grey suits. But this time two gowned QCs will pace out the long run-up and paw the earth as they turn to begin the morning's

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eneuve victory keeps Hill within his reach

Richard Williams at the British Grand Prix

F TONY BLAIR needed a reminder not to count his votes before they are cast. and then to wait for a recount, he was given one at

Silverstone yesterday.
The Labour leader had stood by Damon Hill's car on the grid but then watched Jacques Villeneuve trump his team-mate at the start and pull out a winning lead before Hill, the overwhelming pre-race favourite, retired before half-distance, spinning of when

spinning off when a front wheel nut worked loose.
Villeneuve, taking his second victory of the season, reduced his English teammate's lead in the world championship drivers' stand-

In second place, 19 seconds behind Villeneuve's Wil-liams-Renault, came Gerhard Berger in a Benetton-Renault, with Mika Hakkinen's McLaren-Mercedes a further half-minute back in third. For both men the race represented a welcome upturn in a

dismal season, while the two Jordan-Paugeot drivers. Rubens Barrichello and Mar-tin Brundle, were happy with fourth and sixth respectively. sandwiching David Coulthard's McLaren.
A dull race was followed by a miserable epilogue when by a miseracie epilogue when a technical protest was lodged by Berger's team against the winning Williams, threat-ening Villeneuve with disqualification.

After three hours of deliber-

by the Benetton management, who alleged that the front-wing endplate of the Williams was an illegal design. According to them, it contravened the regulation which stipulates that its leading edge should be rounded, in order to avoid causing damage if it came into contact with another car's tyre.

other car's tyre.
"We brought it to the Williams team's attention in the morning, hoping that some thing could be done in an amicable manner," said Ross Brawn, the technical director of Benstton, "but they chose not to respond."

not to respond."

From the Williams camp came the eventual reply that the endplate had been designed according to the letter and the spirit of the regulations, and that it had been used on their cars since the

mism. The Williams-Renault driver began by wasting the advantage of pole position with a dreadful start, allowing Villeneuve to get away into a lead he relinquished only temporarily during the first set of scheduled pit stops.

To all interts and nurroses. To all intents and purpose the race as a spectacle lasted the few hundred yards that separate the start line from

Copse Corner. In the 20 seconds or so that it took the field to arrive at the fast right-hand bend all the mean-ingful overtaking was done

Cars in which Villeneuve and Hill have won eight of the season's 10 events to date.

There were many victims of yesterday's race, and the first of them was Hill, who had arrived at Silverstone on a wave of local popularity and optimism. The Williams-Renault drives here.

Costly habit, could not match his engine speed to the bite of his engine speed to the adhesion of his clutch and the pole man of more more than the had chosen. As wheelspin while Villeneuve, making while Villeneuve while Villeneuve state on the inside, followed by Hakkinen.

"We'd planned to get the jump on Damon," said Jock Clear, Villeneuve's race engineer. When asked what had caused Hill's bad start, Villeneuve remarked: "I don't care what caused it. I was just

happy about it."
Behind Hill, Schumacher Behind Hill, Schumacher also faltered momentarily, allowing Alesi to zip by with such speed that the Frenchman's Benetton was also past Hakkinen and challenging Villeneuve by the time they arrived at the braking point for Copse. Schumacher,

distance, the rest squabbled among themselves. But as they went into the third lap the world champion's race was over. Suddenly Schumacher found himself able to select only sixth sear and al. select only sixth gear and, al-though he won a race in Barcelona a couple of years ago with only fifth gear at his disposal for most of the distance this time the challenge was

Three laps later, less than too great. 10 minutes into the race, he was joined in the Ferrari gar age by Irvine, who was reported to have suffered a broken differential bearing.

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settle over

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Media Corresponde

HE viability of a Five

Nations Championship without England was being

considered by broadcasters yesterday. The Five Nations had become one of the top

When Rupert Murdoch's

BSkyB signed a five-year deal

with England for £87.5 million last month it was in the confi-dent expectation it would

force the other home nations

to sign up too. But the week-end move leaves the satellite station with a contract that may be meaningless — and

the BBC with an existing deal

that may not be honoured.

The BBC's exclusive con-

tract for the Five Nations ran

for three years from 1994 until the end of the 1997 season sea-

son and it could be in a posi-

tion to take legal action if it is not fulfilled.

However, insiders were suggesting the BBC might not

be too dismayed by the turn

of events. There was a belief England might backtrack, with a new television deal

being negotiated involving both satellite and terrestrial

stations and all four of the

home nations.
A four-nation champion-

Whalls fanta

Andrew Culf

Golden touch . . . a delighted Jacques Villeneuve shows off the trophy after his unexpected victory Twickenham moves to save England's Five Nations place

Players threaten to form rebel side in new tournament as Wales, Ireland, Scotland and France go it alone

Robert Armstrong

NGLAND will hold 11th-hour talks with BSkyB and members Committee this week in an attempt to reverse the decision by the other home unions to xclude from the Five Nations

Championship. Meanwhile, some leading England players are considering forming a non-Rugby Football Union England team to take part in the championship should the impasse with Wales, Scotland, Ireland and

France not be overcome.

John Richardson, the RFU's new president, and his immediate predecessor Bill Bishop. who took part in peace talks with the Welsh Rugby Union president Sir Tasker Watkins last week, were among several senior RFU officers who yesterday refuted the home unions' claim that England

Spain."
Colin Herridge, a member of the RFU executive commit-

the treasurer David Robinson
both signatories to last
month's £87.5-million fiveyear contract with Sky — will also meet to consider ways and means of achieving a con-Five Nations sensus with the other home unions on the sale of Five Nations matches. Twickenham will stress its full commitment to the championship ment," he pointed out. notwithstanding the other

shock decision to set up a new tournament on a home-andaway basis without England. Player-power exercised by senior members of the Eng-land squad may also have an important bearing on future RFU policy. Will Carling, the former England captain, has already registered his disap proval of the Sky deal. Yesterday Jonathan Callard forecast that English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Limited might form a "rebel" side. "I think it's possible the ever before."

players may have a part to play in resolving this prob-lem," said Callard. "We are

tee who helped negotiate the BSkyB deal, claimed that the Five Nations Championship had never been sold to television as a tournament in its solution as a tournament in its solution.

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"In any case Bill Bishop, who is regarded by our new president as a valuable team member, will continue his discussions with Sir Tasker Watkins with a view to achieving an amicable solution. England have never sought to destroy the Five Nations and uppermost in our minds will be our desire to get back into the competition.
Isolation does not benefit anyone and I still believe the other home unions can do much better financially than

However, Tom Kiernan. chairman of the Five Nations

selecting another international side. Without any distrespect I don't think the championship would be up to standard were England to be teplaced by say Italy or Spain."

alone and negotiate its own that will not be as part of any competition, championship competition, championship of competition, championship of competition, championship of championship of stance for the last couple of standard were England to be replaced by say Italy or Spain." months, as indeed have my colleagues on the other unions. One felt there might be a reconsideration at the RFU annual meeting, but it

was not to be.
"I hold no bitterness whatsoever but I am saddened because it's a terrific competition. We must now look to the

statement, he said last night: "If England's new president, and any other officials, want to talk at any time we will be

Kiernan, who revealed that the decision to break away was made in Paris last Wednesday, also gave details of how the new tournament would be set up without England. Games involving Wales Scotland, Ireland and France would be played on a home-and-away basis between Jan-uary and May in each season as part of an agreement that would operate for the next 10

"None of the four unions will play England between January 1 and the end of that or any subsequent season," said Kiernan. "Should France

fied" by the home unions' decision. "Obviously they have met on their own without our knowledge or invitation. They have excluded us even though we have a contract They have excluded us even though we have a contract with them [with the BBC] and we have another year to run on that contract. If we are talking about next season, then they are breaking the existing contract."

must be negotiated through the committee. He revealed: "Some weeks ago the presidents of the four home unions met and agreed unanimously that the RFU's action was not acceptable and that the nego-tlation and sale of TV rights to the Five Nations Champi onship was a matter for the Five Nations Committee."
Richardson firmly rejected

the suggestion that England had been told they would be thrown out of the champion ship before the end of last week. The statement was agreed by a number of senior RFU officers, including the executive committee chairman Cliff Brittle, who said

Fighting talk

June 10 Tony Hallett, RFU secretary: "Time in a sense is on our side because there's

a cooling-off isting contract."

Nevertheless Syd Millar, the Irish RFU president, insisted that any TV deal involving the Five Nations

We've sought a

legal opinion and it's our belief that we can't be removed." July 14: "We are very

Tom Kiernan, the former Ireland captain and Lions fullback, who is chairman of the **Five Nations** Committee: "I

disappointed"

hold no bitterness whatsoever but I'm saddened."

Alan Hosie. Scottish Five **Nations** representative: "We were most disappointed . . . consequently we had no alternative but to

exclude England.

by Setaki Tuipolotu, was in-

terrupted only by a Jean-Marc Garcia touchdown for

Scores by Gary Mercer and

Marvin Golden gave Leeds the edge and, when David

Hulme touched down four

minutes later, the game was slipping away from Sheffield.

Then, however, Keith Senior

the home side.



ship would not have the audi-ence pulling-power of the Five Nations because England attract by far the highest viewing figures. Sky calculated Scotland, Ireland and Wales were worth just half the amount they get under the BBC contract.

Sky last night reaffirmed that their deal with Twickenham stands. A spokesman said: "We are going to stand by the RFU. There is no question that Sky is not going to stand by the deal that was agreed last month. The agree ment with the RFU is not dependent on England being in the Five Nations, although it would clearly be in everyone's interests for the Five Nations to continue with England."

An RFU working group on TV rights that includes the secretary Tony Hallett and it could become a matter secretary Tony Hallett and it could become a matter of the secretary Tony Hallett and the secretary Tony Hallett All black day for the 'Voice of Rugby'

lan Malin

THE "Voice of Rugby" sounded a little choked yesterday. Bill McLaren has been commentating on the Five Nations Championship since the Wales-Scotland game at Cardiff in 1953. He is contracted to work for the BBC until its current television deal runs out next spring. "I just hope I'm not commentating on the Four Nations next year," he said from his home in Hawick.

"This is the saddest thing on earth," says McLaren, "I'd like to think England will relent — perhaps by giving of the Scottish game was jok-Scotland 260 million of that ing but in a very serious



McLaren . . . not relishing a 'Four Nations'

satellite money." The doyen

mood. Of course we knew that this breakaway by the smaller nations might hap-pen, but it was still distressng to read those headlines this morning.
The Five Nations is the

greatest rugby competition in the world and the Tri-Nations in the Southern Hemisphere is now trying to emulate it. The Southern Hemisphere may criticise the type of rugby played in the competition but it has a special aura which is why countries like Romania and Italy want to be a part of it.

There is a buzz come January and for the likes of Scotland, who achieve short bursts of success, as in 1984

and 1990, it is special. I've just come back with Scotland from New Zealand where the the European game for over a play of the All Blacks in the first Test in Dunedin was mind-boggling.

Both Scotland and Wales. who have been to Australia. were hoping to bring some of were hoping to bring some of that risk-taking, fast-paced rugby to the Five Nations next year. England, who have got the powerful forwards to provide the ball and the backs to run it are in a position to play it now. It would be tragic if they weren't allowed to play any of their traditional opponents next year."

McLaren clearly blames England for the current impasse and thinks solutions

"Any change has to be ne gotiated and, with the Scots and the Irish, this affair has now become a matter of prin-ciple. But England are the team to beat and the Scots and Irish need to take them on every season. Now the Celts are taking on

England just as tenaciously is the smoke-filled rooms as on the pitch, a hit of "argy bargy" that could silence the Borders brogue of McLaren for good unless the brinkmanship ends soon. Winter afternoons watching Grandstand would never be the same.



Eagles win in late rush after Leeds revive in vain

Rugby League

Super League: St Helens 58, Halifax 20

Cunningham treble sends Saints soaring

Andy Wilson

EIRON Cunningham ensured that St Helens capitalised on Williams capitalised on Wigan's shock defeat on Friday with an opportunist hat nick that left Halifax with their Blue

Sox around their ankles. The 19-year-old Welsh international hooker ran less than 10 yards in total for his three tries but produced another

whirlwind start, scoring two tries in the first 10 minutes. Arnold finished the first after Hammond and Newlove had opened up Haliax on the left. Then Tuilagi lost the ball in his own quarter and Cunningham squeezed over from dummy half. Halifax chipped two points back with a Schuster penalty but promptly lost Perrett with a shoulder

ley earning a penalty near the | nine minutes of the restart. | a cracker from Hallas, while

strength, neat footwork and a long arm to touch down in the right corner. Schuster converted to reduce the deficit to

two points. Cunningham pinched his second try after Perilini released the ball in a multiple tackle on the Halfiax line and Joynt took Saints 14 points clear at half-time with a pow-erful solo effort.

Two more superb individwith tries from Schuster and ual tries took them virtually Halifax scored next. Bent out of sight at 32-8 within

return of Hunte. Chris Joynt | Saints line then showing | First Newlove showed his | Schuster took his goals tally and Bobbie Goulding, made a | strength, neat footwork and a | power in an unstoppable | to four from four. Goulding stepped inside Amone to score.

Halifax's cause grew even more hopeless when Moana was sent off for a high tackle on Arnold after a bewildering handling move featuring an overhead flick by Goulding. Saints exploited gaps in a 12-man defence for Hunte to charge over on the right. Hali

fax salvaged respectability

third try, also from dummy half, in the space of three minutes and Hayes and Hammond added further tries as Saints passed 50.

Saints passed 50.
St Melensa Proceedt, Arnold, Hunle, Number Hayes, Hammond Gouldine, Perelin, Cunningham, Fogorly Joynt, Schey, Morley Substitutes: Haigh, Macaula, Northry Pekavace, Hailfast Amone, Bantley, Schuster, Tuiley, Rea Chester, Dena hetterdey, Rowley, Petrett Gilicopie, M. Jackson Meana Substitutes: Umaga, Halfas, Harrasn Bulden.

EEDS came, saw and alwerted by Aston. Stott Chris Smith and Junior Paramost conquered at Bramall grabbed his second try and more turned the game.

Lane last night before subsidiation was on target again Workington look again. with his kick to leave Leeds

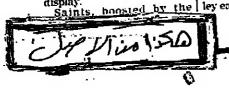
ing to a 34-31 defeat to Shefdeeper in trouble. field, writes Don Beet. Eagles. 16-0 ahead at half-time, were rocked by six tries that put Castleford also staged rally - this time a winning one. They won 30-20 at Old-Leeds in front but Sheffield ham after trailing 16-4 and came again to snatch victory. their five second-half tries Tries from Danny McAllister, Darren Turner and Lynhalted the home side's march ton Stott put Engles well clear before the Leeds burst, begun

towards a top-four place. Oldham scored first-half tries through Howard Hill, Scott Ranson and Paul Atcheson but the visitors cut their lead when Tony Smith sped in off a Lee Crooks pass.

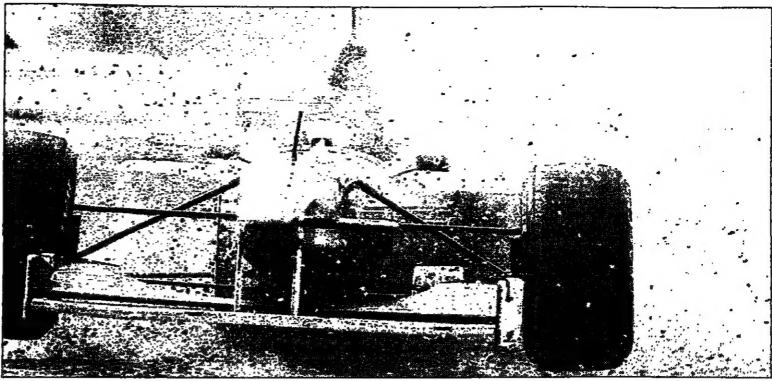
Simon Middleton then picked up a stray pass to race 50 yards for the corner but Oldham looked safe when Martin Crompton squeezed over to put them 20-12 ahead. Then, however, Keith Series | Gate tries from Adrian Flynn, | trest was all Wire.

Workington look even firmer favourites for the drop after Warrington enjoyed a nine-try romp in Cumbria, winning 49-4. Warrington dominated from the start with four first-half converted tries. the first coming after only two minutes from Jonathan Roper. He raced away from slack marking, as did Chris Rudd five minutes later.

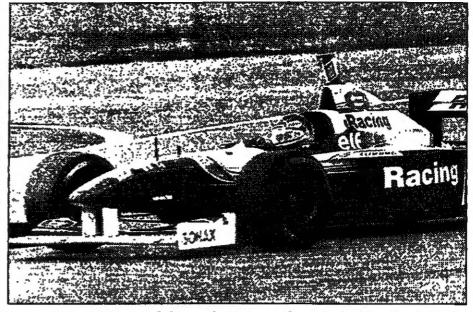
Rudd's second came five minutes after that when he collected an "up-and-under" pass from lestyn Harris, who improved all three and Mark Forster's last try of the half just before the half-hour. Town had managed a consolation try after 17 minutes through John Allen but the











out of contention seconds after complaining to his pit about problems with a wheel-bearing; his team-mate Jacques Villeneuve, below, cruises to a second grand-prix victory in what is his Schumacher, bottom centre, talks to the press after his Ferrari's second embarrassing failure in successive races; and Hill, left, sets out on the long walk back to the Williams pit

Inside-track manoeuvres for the pole positions

Alan Henry on the uncertainty driving the pitlane rumour mill

is reach

flawless performance laid to rest more than a month of speculation that Williams-Renault were on the verge of replacing the despite the fact that he has a two-year contract with them.

It is a measure of the uncer tainties of Formula One that some observers regard con-tracts as trivial matters. Unfortunately the sceptics seem to have wrongly interpreted Frank Williams's silence as a tacit acknowledgement that the Indycar champion has been a disappointment and not up to the mark demanded by such a top team.

But Williams remains noncommital about contractual matters, 'I never discuss details of driver contracts," he repeated wearily over the weekend Privately, however, he expressed bewilderment that anybody seriously doubted that Williams would see out its commitment with Villeneuve.

missed media reports on the subject of his possible depar-ture from Williams as "rags", adding: "I know where I'm staying next year and that's all that counts. One person starts a rumour and then everybody's writing it. My contract is concrete."

beyond the end of 1997 when racing's balance of power ha at the right time.

Much of this frenzied gossip can be attributed to the specu-lation concerning possible en-gine supply deals for the Wil-liams and Benetton teams Such a shift in grand prix left many drivers trying to second-guess how to position

secret that Heinz-Harald Frentzen now feels it is time to move on to a fresh chalsecure a top driver for 1997 in a bid to convince Peugeot, their engine suppliers, that it

themselves in the right place

lenge after three years with the Sauber team. He has also been approached by the Jor-dan team, who are anxious to

Elsewhere Mika Hakkinen's name has been linked with the Benetton team although the Finn has hinted that he is most likely to accept an invitation to remain

s worth continuing the partnership into 1998.

By contrast Villeneuve was with McLaren-Mercedes in rather less diplomatic in his comments. He briskly disma's contract expires at the

Silverstone

end of 1996 but Mika Salo will not be with us next year. I tion, as did a Mercedes spaying with the team for 1997, the third season of his present contract.

However, the wildest tempting proposition.

With Hakkinen having

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whether or not he would be staying. "I got a lot of press cuttings on my desk yesterday morning, all saying the same things," he said. "I thought 'Damon is sending me a message'. But the press cuttings fell off the desk into the rubbish bin, as they al-ways do. I can make no com-ment whether he will or will

As for Damon Hill, Frank Williams was not being drawn on the subject of ing the Italian team and taking Michael Schumacher with him. The gossip suggested that at least one team in the paddock was prepared to write a generous cheque to fund such a transfer and most people concluded the only one with such an obvious interest was McLaren-Mercedes.

McLaren's boss Ron Dennis

qualified the better-placed McLaren only 0.9sec away from Hill in pole position, the conclusion seems logical. Put Schumacher in a McLaren-Mercedes and he would be quickest. It must be a tempting prospect for the German. even though his manager Willy Weber confirmed that he had a rock-solid contract with Ferrari to the end of next season. Beyond that

point all bets are off.

marque time with boys from the brown stuff

Mark Redding at Silverstone

braces of saloon-car racine as Silverstone flicked from the society pages to the classified ads of the Auto Trader RAC

Championship.
This competition's days in motor racing's working-class ghetto may be numbered, latest upwardly mobile sport.
The evidence: more than

three million people tune in to the BBC's coverage, which is expanding to fill the gap that will be left by the loss of the Formula One contract to ITV next year; the reigning champion John Cleland earns stockbroker-size salary of £100,000-plus; and Frank Biela, the ice-cool German leading this season's stand-ings, commutes to races from his flat in Monaco.

aware of the importance of

supernovas of For-mula One came the Touring Car

The manufacturers, acutely winning in the 1990s, are

Manufacturers | turning to F1 expertise to | Roberto Ravaglia in a BMW sheat of Sweden's Rickard marque. Renault are reliant | Rydell in a Volvo. Biela, who

The appeal of the sport is simple. Give or take a stripped metal interior, a rollbar and a two-litre engine capable of 300 horsepower --almost three times that of a road-going model — these are the cars the punters drove sands: Vauxhalls, Volvos, BMWs, Renaults, Hondas and

Peugeots.
That close identification with marques by the man in the street, though, can be a two-edged sword. Cleland won his title in a Vauxhall Cavalier but this season switched to a Vectra, which underwhelmed the motoring press when the road-going version was launched. It has not enhanced its reputation by winning only one race, and that in the hands of the team's

econd driver. With Cleland languishing in the standings and only five more events to go, the Scot could be said to be driving in the Last Chance saloon. Each event features two 15-lap races and in the 15th round on Saturday Cleland could manage only another disap-pointing placing, 10th.

help them make their marque. Renault are reliant on Williams, BMW on McLaren and Volvo on TWR, the brains behind Ligier and Arrows.

Rydell in a Volvo. Biela, who has stolen Cleland's days of thunder this year, was third in a four-wheel-drive Audi to consolidate his healthy lead in the championship.

To help maintain the exciting nip-and-tuck racing that the successful cars are handicapped by weight penalties. After four wins, including the opening three races, Biela's 66lb. "It was definitely a little bit slower than the others down the straight," the German said on Saturday, light-

man said on Saturday, iigning a cigarette.
Yesterday, a bumper-tobumper thriller saw Biela
fight off Ravaglia to finish
second behind David Leslie's Honda Accord, which had started from pole in both races. Leslie, a Scot, at least gave the Union Jack wavers in the crowd something to cheer with his first win of the season; Cleland had drifted into the pits after brushing John Bintcliffe's Audi.

Biela increased his stand-ings lead to 55 points — a win earns 15 points — from Switzerland's Alain Menu in the Williams Renault. "It's still too early and dangerous to talk about a championship. We have to fight to get points but the main thing is, we're The race was won by Italy's on the podium," he said.

Tennis

Lloyd hails 'fantastic job' as GB set up Davis Cup promotion tie

IM HENMAN and Luke Milligan completed the formalities of Great Britain's Davis Cup victory over Ghana with smooth displays in yesterday's reverse singles, matches that became exhibi-tion three-set affairs after the

ping up a gear to prevail 6-3. to a second straight-sets 4-6, 6-0, but the teenaged Milligan rounded off his splendid debut in testing conditions in Accra with a 6-4, 6-3 win over the British Davis Cup captain

Accra with a 6-4, 6-3 win over in yesterday's reverse singles, matches that became exhibition three-set affairs after the previous day's decisive doubles win by Neil Broad and Mark Petchey, turites Chris Curtain.

The world No. 39 Henman suffered a minor embarrassiment against the unranked Daniel Omaboe before step

very difficult tie in this sort of heat and with the crowds screaming and shouting but the players have done everything I have asked of them," said Lloyd.

career-high in the 450s vester day when he reached the final of the ATP Challenger event at Bristol after coming

through as a qualifier. Weal was eventually beaten was eventually beaten of a ding was eventually beaten of a line calling has been much better than we might have expected.

and all I can say is that my team have done a fantastic job."

In a slightly less dramatic fillip for British tennis, Hampshire's Nick Weal pushed his world ranking to a line world as a junior, but was happy at the way he earned his biggest cheque, the same week." said Weal. "I ran out of steam a bit today but I will carry the experience with me for a while."

Equestrianism

Whitaker building up a head of steam for Atlanta

OHN WHITAKER enjoyed the best possible send-off for the Olympics yesterday. winning the West Sussex Holidays Classic on Grannusch at the Royal Interna-tional Horse Show.

In a seven-horse jump-off the Yorkshireman and his 17year-old, who have won at their past five international shows, managed the fastest of close until a stop in the double, three fences from home, ruled them out.

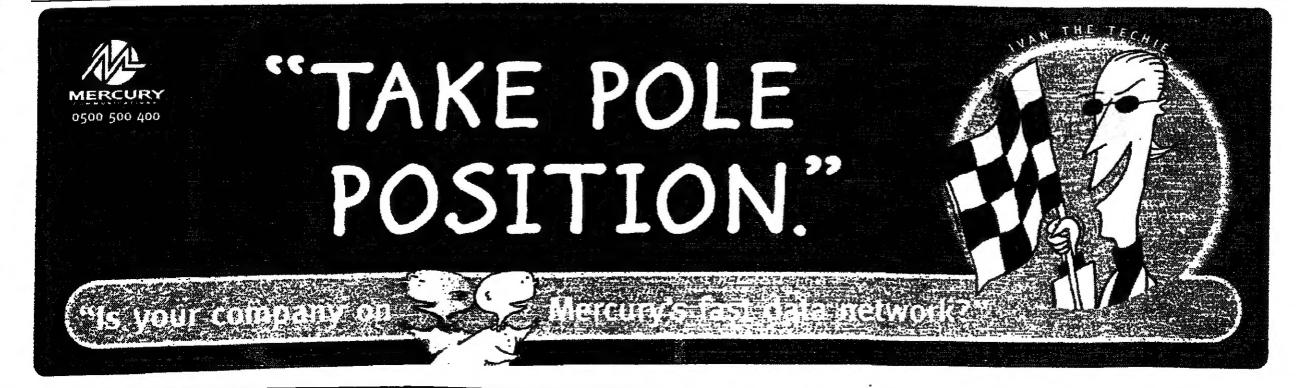
Martin Lucas and Senator

Lannegan were second, 2.57
seconds behind, while Damian Charles on Shurlands
Viking finished third.
On Saturday Nick Skelton,
who like Whitaker leaves for

Atlanta on Wednesday, had a similar valedictory when taker was second on her the winning the King's Cup. Skel-Belgian import Eldorado.

Last year's winners Wil-liam Funnell and Comex looked like running them the past two seasons, took the trophy — for a third time — with the 10-year-old mare Cathleen III. Lucas and Senator Lanne-

gan also jumped two clear rounds but a fractional timepenalty left them second Marion Hughes and Flo Jo took the Queen's Cup back to Ireland for the second straight year. Veronique Whi-



British GP Richard Williams on a disputed victory at Silverstone





Abdoujaparov slips a spoke in French wheel for Bastille Day celebrations

O JUDGE by the unbroken crowds along yesterday's 116-mile yesterday's 116-mile stage, watching the slickest marketing move in this year's Tour, their vehi-France as the President's hand out thousands of flags speech and the military every day with a picture of

through the lush Auvergne and Limousin countryside which took in the town of Egletons, where Monaieur le President founded his RPR party 20 years ago — was up to the standard Freuch patriots would expect on Bastille winner. Djamolidin Abdoujaparov, comes from Uzbekistan. French national pride demands a home winner on Bastille Day and expectations

Flags and posters in honour of Richard Virenque, the darling of the country, sprouted in abundance among the Renaults parked in the shade, under the sun umbrellas and alongside the ice boxes.

competition, which is sponsored by the supermarket chain Champion.

part of Bastille Day in rural | cles in the publicity caravan Yesterday's 14th stage which Virenque wears with such pride, and a space where his name can be scrawled. Every day, thousands of the flags are waved at the televi-

Virenque's main contribution was to launch a vicious attack over the rolling green mountains soon after the

The 13-man group which went with him included Bjarne Riis, and — with the key exceptions of Indurain and Rominger — all the men who will look to relieve him

race enters the Pyrenees indurain has never missed such a move in the five Tours he has won and, although the | the end of last week, and is | support necessary to compete

Banesto team chase for more than 25 miles. Indeed, had it not been for some assistance from his fellow Spaniards, Riis and company might not

ain's weekend; on Saturday Banesto drove the neloton at impressive speed, in an atmpt to burn off Rils's teammates on the succession of little climbs leading to the finish at Superbesse.

Just as Riis's men were disappearing, Big Mig punctured, completely breaking his team's rhythm: after working his way back to the head of the high-speed line-out, he had no strength left to

When Riis was seen cajoling his dozen companions to victories in the Tour have co-operate in leaving indurain and Rominger behind yes terday afternoon, it reinforced the impression that lar chute on the Champs Elythings are slowly but surely

going his way. Rominger, handicapped by his latest crash, had to be persuaded to stay in the race at

Virenque is well on his way lead was never over a minute, I not sleeping due to his with current top sprinters and Laurent Madouas, who a third successive victory be was forced to make his abrasions. The Swiss was un-such as Mario Cipollini and will be hanging their heads in end on Saturday, nor was Ev-geny Berzin of Russia, and they slipped to third and

fourth respectively. The lack of French success in recent years has forced their media to latch on to any home angle on the foreigners who humiliate the home men. Much is made of the years Riis spent as a domestique to Laurent Fignon, and the friendship and advice he has received from the double

Tour winner.
The only home slant that could be put on Abdu's stage win of yesterday was the fact that he has picked up pass-able French since taking his

first Tour stage win in 1991. Abdu's eight previous stage come in bunch sprints. His weaving, head down, no-holds barred style, and a spectacusées in 1991, have brought

But this year his team-mates in the Italian Refin squad cannot offer him the

As a result, he has made everal attempts at lone stage victories — even on Saturday he attempted to haul his squat frame and beefy thighs over the hills at the end of the

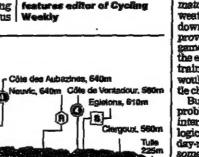
rewarded for his persistence when he jumped away on the little climb to the finish from William Fotheringhem is four other riders — including the Frenchmen Didier Rous Weekly

Stage 14

Lac-Chambon

Col de la Croix Morand, 1,401m

"I knew I had to win or die in the attempt," said the Uzbek. His tortured face and soluttering lungs underlined stage, an unlikley move for a took his victory with



sprint (i) climb (1 = steepest) (ii) refreshments

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Rumblings of discontent at a lost tradition



Matthew Engel

nt At the Banson and Hedges Cup final or tes past one. Ambrose as bowling to Fairbrother. was at quite an interesting stage. That was not the point

mild hewilderment among spectators turned to a borrible realisation and then to mass anic. The cricket-watchers of England have endured much at the hands of Lord's officials over the years. This time they

The explanation was there, in that minute typeface that used to be known as ruby, on the back of the scorecard:
"There will normally be two sessions of play of three hours 30 minutes each, separated by a typefactory of 55 minutes. single interval of 45 minutes from 2.30pm to 3.15pm."

This was a natural result of the process by which this competition is now played under the same rules as the World Cup. It is, for the most part, an

Firstly, the restriction on fielders in the first 15 overs adds a new tactical dim to a form of cricket that other-wise tends to be stereotyped.

Secondly, it means that next time there is a World Cup (in this country, in 1999) England play the game. Thirdly, from the spectators'

OULLOI VIEW, IL I more manageable day. A 50-over rather than a 55-over match means that, given fair weather, it is possible to come down from most parts of the provinces, watch the whole game, see a West End show in the evening and take a late train home. A family of four would probably still have a lit-

tie change from £150. But that does not solve the problem of lunch. The one-interval policy is undeniably day-night match in Sydney or somewhere, when you can call it high tea or early supper. You can even cope with it in the quarter- and semi-finals of the 8 & H, which are primarily partisan occasions. But a Lord's

We are not just talking about the much abused drones in the executive boxes. The panic rip-pled round the ground. The Allen Stand suddenly deserted. The murmur in the Edrich, as people re-calculated their eating strategies, was clearly audi-ble. In the Compton, there was a mini stampede for the exits.

Those least affected were the supporters who never bother with solids ("Ooh, Lanky-Lanky Lanky-Lanky-Lanky-Lankysheeeer ... and the ones who have never been able to wait until one o'clock anyway, starting the sand-wiches just before 12, if they'r

The Mound Stand boxes split between those who are buffets at the normal times and the knife-and-forkers who were forced to wait, although Northamptonshire's over-rate gave them 10 minutes help and enabled them to sit down on the dot of 2.20. But that is not lunch it is damn nearly teatime.

"HE cricket? Speaking as a Northamptonshire man, I don't wish to talk about the cricket. We lost. We nearly always do. Read Selvey. But there were a few interesting sidelights. Lanca shire's decision to leave out their South African, Steve Elvorthy, was unusual. Teams have won cup finals when their stars have been injured or unwickshire both did in 1993) but I can recall no precedent for one being dropped

However, all English win-ners are about to become more seems not yet to have been understood by the counties. While they dither about whether or not they want for-eign players to stay in the English game, their hand is

about to be forced. The West Indies board has decided to extend its own competition, the Red Stripe, into June, with the teams playing **CD Other home and away** in stead of one or the other. It also plans to put its stars under contract, as the Australians and South Africans do.

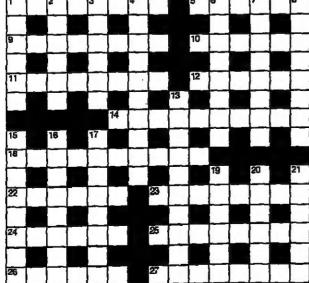
This means that when players' existing deals with counties run out, the only ones able to sign for English teams will be the up-and-comers. who the West Indians think will benefit from the experience, and the been and goners. No more will a Marshall, a Richards, a Lara or an Ambrose at the peak of his powers spend summers on cold county grounds.

There are legitimate arguments about whether this change is a good or bad thing for English cricket. Everyone here has been so busy arguing they appear not to have noticed that it is about to become fact.

September 1

Guardian Crossword No 20,705

Set by Crispa



Across

- 1 Mount really first-class
- horse (8) 5 The way to dress for discotheque lighting (6)
- 9 Extremely backward, but raise the largest families (8)
- 10 Pop back with ring and charm (6) 11 No-one left? That's good!
- 12 Ancient coin held in trust -
- a terrible responsibility (6): 14 Taking exceptional care, formed a group prepared to
- 18 Shut up and stay on, though it's a bloomer (10)

fight (5,5)

sharp! (6)

- 22 A tap to go in a rotisserie (6) 23 To walk around is bliss (8) 24 A number call back -
- 25 Go along with cash and new dice (8)
- accommodation area (6) 27 Taking look after look shows

Down

- 1 Clean up and cover the canvas (6)
- 2 Building on firm foundations
- 3 Airmen forced to stay behind (6) 4 Shoots the underworld boss over allegations made (10)
- 6 Reward the personnel officer (8) 7 Six balls bowled with spin
- can result in defeat (8) 8 increased by five hundred following general reorganis-

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WHIRERS OF PRIZE PUZZLE 20,695 This week's winners of a Collins English Dictionary are Mr & Mrs M K Barlord of Purley, Surrey, Or N Schofield of Beshall, East Sussex, JP Hisley of Formby, Merseyside, Nigel Landon of London, and Keith Morgan of Cardiff.

- 13 Back-cover a politician used for withdrawing (10) 15 The renegade given a job scoffed (8)
- 16 Crooked, so could well be i credit (8) 17 A European schoolboy can get round the school-head
- 19 Boasts few connections (6) 20 Tip-top jewellery for the
- show-off (6) 21 Abandon an unproductive piece of land (6)

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Drummond is back on course with 63

will steel themselves for the final qualifying tournaments with only the top 13 at each course earning a Thursday tee-off time, writes Chris Just to have reached this

stage is an achievement for some, while for others not to go one step further would be vastating Famous names OK. names very well known on the European Tour - who in former days have done moderately famous deeds must vie with un knowns at four courses, all pretty much within sighing

distance of Royal Lytham.

"HE hard way to a place | ing comeback by one name in | at St Annes Old Links. in the Open comes to the news, the Scot Ross Drumits nail-biting climax mond. Having had two pages of Friday's Guardian devoted to his resurgent season urday and ruined his Scottish Open challenge by shooting 81 - but yesterday bounced back with a sensational 63 to

from Ireland's Des Smyth. Drummond, in his fifth successive day of competitive play, shot an engle and seven birdies on a course he had never even seen before. "It's my best-ever score at this level," he said.

But perhaps the most fam-Gary, at 27 the second your gest of Jack's five children, who kept alive his hopes of The first round at South-port and Ainsdale saw a fight-day with a four-under-par 68

"Of course it would be great to play in the same field as Dad," said Nicklaus. "If I do qualify it will be about time - I've been a pro for five years and this is the fifth time I've tried to qualify."
Nicklaus fils is in seventh

place, three behind the joint eaders Richard Boxall, the Austrian professional Rudi Sailer, the Dane Thomas Bjorn and the Italian Massimo Florioli. The leading quartet's 658 broke the course record by a stroke, Florioli playing the

last five holes in a remarkable six under par with four birdles and a closing eagle. The Irishmen Paul McGinley and Eamonn Darcy whose nerveless putt once clinched a Ryder Cup - both

Blustery Scottish Open

David Davies

N THE aftermath of an 81 some pretty startling rubbish can emanate from even the most educated of mouths. Colin Montgomerie had such a score in the final round of the Scottish Open at Carnoustie on Saturday and proclaimed. "The wind has destroyed the swing of many of Anyone who has played this was round in 75; and the top week will be at a disadvantage live players averaged 73.8. Had or the Open at Lytham."

Montgomerie done that, he would have finished second. Moantgomerie, as he is known to some sections of the His remarks were put into Scottish press, was at it again. perspective by Richard Boxall, Needing an excuse for some who was one of only six playpretty dismal golf, he blamed ers to take more than Montgothe wind which, while it blew merie's 81. Boxall struggled to hard and certainly affected the an 85, then embarked on the strokemaking, was not imposfour-hour drive to Lytham. silde, there were only two where he had a 7.25am start at scores of an by the top 15 play-St Annes Old Links in an atthe players, including my own. Lers, the winner lan Woosnam Ltempt to qualify for the Open.

PFA to canvas its members

ian Ross

ballers' Association plans to canvass its members' opinions on taking strike action unless the Football League, which has recently negotiated a £25 mil-lion television deal with BSkyB, agrees to hand over a 10 per cent cut of the

HE Professional Foot-

who ply their trade with the 72 clubs that make up the Football League will be balloted in the first week of August unless a compromise can be ham. mered out. The 20 Premier League teams are unaffected. The PFA uses such income to help finance its grant, educational assistance and insur-ance facilities for members.

Gordon Taylor, the PFA's chief executive, painted a de-pressing picture last night. "It is beginning to look very much as though we are head, ing towards industrial action." he said. "We have never had a players' strike in this country but, believe me, we are already down to the wire on this one It looks as though we will have no alternative. At the moment we are in daily discussions with our lawyers — that's how serious the whole thing now

So far all attempts to negotiste an acceptable settlement have ended in failure and, as Taylor was swift to underline

time is running out.
The Football League has

ment." he added. "If they do not the ballot forms will go out

and the decision on any action will be taken by our members." The Football League's previous television deal was worth 29 million, although the PFA is adamant it did not waive any right to a full 10 per cent

cut when agreeing to take only £500,000 per season. "Our stance is completely justified. We have not paid 10 per cent to the PFA since 1987 and there is no indication we need to increase our outlay in those three sectors," retorted the League's secretary Andy

Williamson. However, Taylor alleged: The regulations have been changed from the PFA having the right to this money to it being at the discretion of the Football League's management committee. It [the disputel is as much about princi-

ple as about cash. "After 60 years they have chosen to change their regulations," he went on to claim. We informed the League chairmen before their annual general meeting of the possible consequences of such action but they still went ahead and

If the dispute does go to a ballot the outcome would appear to be a formality. The PFA last balloted for a mandate to strike in 1992 and received a 95 per cent vote in favour of one, although the dispute was then settled. until the end of July to come to settlement." Taylor added. There is no sign at all of a

